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THEME: LOVING THE WORLD - LIFE APPLICATION

PASSAGE : John 3:1-21

LAUNCH

Who is one of the most interesting people you've met and why? What was your meeting with them like?

DISCOVERY

John 3:1-2 Nicodemus is a Pharisee and a member of the Jewish High Council. Why does he visit Jesus at night? What is his purpose?

John 3:3-4 What do you think Jesus means when He says you must be 'born again' to see the kingdom of God? An alternate translation is "born from above." Do you think this changes the meaning?

John 3:5-15 How do these verses explain what it means to be born again? What is the water, the Spirit and the wind? What does Jesus mean by "the Son of Man must be lifted up"?

John 3:16-17 Why are these famous verses often shared with seekers – people who are curious about God? Why do they appear in this meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus? Have you ever shared them with someone who is a seeker? What was the result?

John 3:18-21 Why are some people drawn to the Light while others avoid it? Was there a time in your life when you wandered in the dark? Was there a time you searched for or saw the Light?

UNDERSTANDING

What are some doubts which prevent people from believing in God? What do you do when the topic of religion comes up in a conversation? Have you ever shared your faith in Jesus with someone? What happened?

Martin Luther called John 3:16 "The heart of the Bible, the Gospel in miniature." How might we use this one verse to explain the Good News to a seeker? Is there someone with whom you could share the Good News?

'The Church Has Left the Building' – In what ways are you blessing those around you in the local community as a demonstration of God's love for the world?

APPLICATION

Ask God to help you with any troubling doubts or difficulties you have regarding his love.

You can also pray for any 'not yet Christians' you know. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share the Good News with them and invite them to worship or your small group.

(Woodside church USA – adapted – studies in John's gospel)