

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon Series: Fearless
And the sermon for March 11 & 12, 2017: Birth



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect**
 - If you could ask Jesus one question, what would it be?
- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him. 3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” 4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” 9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.. John 3:1-9

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What was Nicodemus risking by talking with Jesus? What is he looking for?
- Have you been born again? What do you think that means?
- What do you know or recall about your baptism?
- Has religion for you been more about rules or a relationship with God? Can you think of stories or examples from your life?
- When have you felt especially close to God?
- What does Jesus’ wind analogy say to you about spiritual rebirth?
- Reflect: *No one will make a good end to the life into which he is born unless he is born again before he ends it.*— St. Augustine of Hippo
- **Serve**
 - Who in your life could most use a new beginning right now? How might you play a role in that new beginning?
- **End with Prayer and/or the Lord's Prayer**