

**Week Six: *You Will Live Forever***

***John 3:1-21***

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day One**

1. Read John 3:1-10. Who was Nicodemus?
2. What does verse 2 say Nicodemus did? When did he do it?
3. Most members of the Jewish ruling council would not do what Nicodemus did. Yet he did, and in verse 2, we see Nicodemus calling Jesus by a specific title. What was it? Why is that significant?
4. Why did Nicodemus assume that Jesus was legit?
5. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your understanding of the Christian faith? Nicodemus was an expert in the Jewish religion, yet lacked a basic understanding of his faith. How is that possible?
6. What does it mean when people say, “He’s so smart, he’s stupid”? What’s the difference between knowledge for knowledge’s sake and true understanding?
7. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for a humble spirit that is always willing to learn from others, believers and nonbelievers alike.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two**

8. How would you describe the Holy Spirit to someone who asked?
9. Read John 14:26 and John 16:7-15. What does Jesus predict will be the work of the Holy Spirit when He comes?
10. Read Isaiah 55:8-11. How does God’s Word work? How should that change your approach to advocating for God’s truth? Can you argue someone into truth? What, then, should be your approach?
11. Think about Jesus’ interaction with Nicodemus. At the end of the discussion Nicodemus went away with something to mull. Read John 7:45-52 and John 19:39. Where does Nicodemus appear again in the Bible?
12. Read 1 Corinthians 3:4-9. What does Paul’s example help us understand about the matter of conversion and our role in it?

13. How is bringing someone to faith similar to planting a crop?

14. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray to be more relaxed in your discussion of faith with those who don't yet believe, and allow time for God to work on their hearts.

**Spend FIFTEEN – DAY Three**

15. Read John 3:10-21. Jesus said, "We speak what we know and testify to what we have seen." Why is the historic record of the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments so important?

16. Would you prefer to trust someone who knows their facts, or someone who appeals to your reasonable nature? What is the difference between circumstantial evidence and facts?

17. Is everything the Bible teaches reasonable? Explain. If not, why should you trust it to be true?

18. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-7. What role does the Holy Spirit serve us in this life?

19. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-10. How does the Holy Spirit help when we read the Bible?

20. Why do you think people "hear" different things when they listen to the same sermon or study the same passage of the Bible?

21. The Bible says that it is a living (i.e. dynamic) thing. What does that mean?

22. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for an open mind and heart as you hear a message or read from the Scripture.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four**

23. In John 3:14, Jesus makes a comparison to a time when Moses lifted up a snake on a pole in the Old Testament. You can read about that in Numbers 21. What was the point of comparison?

24. Did Moses lift up the snake to assure the people who were dying that they would have eternal life or immediate physical life? What does that suggest about the sacrifice of Jesus?

25. Read John 10:7-10. What reason did Jesus give for coming as our Savior?

26. Is it common for Christians to practice “separation of faith and life”? In other words, do you think most Christians honor faith as something private and spiritual that has little relevance for day-to-day decisions and activity?
27. Do you honor the often-heard phrase, “Religion and politics are two things you don’t discuss in polite conversations”? Why or why not?
28. Read John 3:12. Why did Jesus say earthly truth was so important?
29. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for wisdom in managing your conversations with friends and family that they might see Jesus in your words and life.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five**

30. Read John 3:19-21. There is much said in the Bible about “light” and “darkness.” Why do you think God used those terms?
31. How did light come into the world? Read John 3:16. For what reason did God send “Light” into the world?
32. I have sometimes said, “God, who gave us Jesus, also gave us the Law, and for the same reason.” What does that mean?
33. Why does God care so much about our behavior? Can you think of two reasons? Why do parents care so much about their children’s behavior? How are these similar?
34. Read Ephesians 5:8-17. Why does God call us Children of Light? What does that title imply? Who are children of darkness? What can be done for those in darkness?
35. What is the value of living in the light? Does it have practical implications? Is it to your earthly benefit or only to the glory of God? Are the two compatible or distinct?
36. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray to walk in the light for your benefit, the benefit of your witness to others, and to the glory of God.