

Season 4 Study 2: Born Again...

THE BIG YEAR

A Journey through God's Word

*How are you enjoying reading the New Testament?
Is it different in any way to the Old Testament?*

1. What does it mean to 'believe in Jesus'? Are there varying degrees of belief? What exactly should we believe? How much belief is sufficient for salvation?
2. What false things, or half-truths, do people believe, and even teach, about Jesus?

READ JOHN 3:1-15

3. Who was Nicodemus, and why do you think he approached Jesus at night?
4. What does Jesus mean by being born 'of water and the Spirit'?
5. What does Jesus mean in vs 8? What is He saying about the nature of salvation and the new birth?
6. What event is Jesus referring to in vs 14-15? How should the Son of Man be lifted up? (See Numbers 21:7-9)

READ JOHN 3:16-21

7. What contrasting words does Jesus use in vs 16-18? How do these help us understand His mission?
8. How does salvation *work*, according to vs 16-18? What do you need to do in order to be saved? Who then will face condemnation?
9. What contrasting words does Jesus use in vs 19-21?
10. Why do people love the darkness instead of the light? Is this also true of our generation?
11. Who, or what, is 'the light'? What is its spiritual purpose? See **John 1:9-13**.
12. According to these verses, what is it that will ultimately be judged by God? What does this suggest about the nature of belief and salvation?
13. If someone asked you, 'What does it mean to be saved?', what would you tell them? What is it that they need to be saved from? Why can't they save themselves? What exactly do they need to believe? Do they still need to do good works? Why???

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)