

PRAY

- 1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Brad Martin
Barry Braman, Josh Strother & the Worship
Ministry team.
- 2. The Holy Spirit will move in our corporate
worship gathering, leading us to exalt
Jesus Christ.
- 3. Shady Oaks Baptist Church will grow in
Christ-exalting, Gospel-advancing
ministry in 2018.
- 4. Pray that God will move on us to be
more evangelistic through our obedience
in sharing the Gospel.

PREPARING FOR THE MESSAGE

You Must Be Born Again . John 3:1-15

This Sunday we will open up the third chapter of the Gospel of John. In this sermon we will read about an encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus and the question he has about deep within his heart about being born again. It is our prayer this resource will help you experience a renewed belief in Jesus Christ in a deeper way. It is also designed to help you connect Corporate Worship, and your Home Life with Jesus. Prepare your heart and mind for Sunday by reading through John 3:1-15.

Corporate Worship
Jesus Messiah

The Lord’s Supper
There Is A Fountain
Filled With Blood

At The Cross

Offertory Prayer

No One Ever Cared
For Me Like Jesus

Sermon

Time of Response

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed ones of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed ones of God,
Be saved to sin no more.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

At The Cross
Hillsong

Oh Lord You’ve searched me
You know my way
You fail with my failure
I know You love me

Your holy presence
Surrounded me
In every season
I know You love me
I know You love me

At the cross I bow my knees
Where Your blood was shed for me
There’s no greater love than this
You have overcome the grave
Glory fills the highest praise
What can separate me now

You go before me
You shield my way
Your hand upholds me
And I know You love me

John 3:1-15 (ESV)

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” **3** Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **4** Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” **5** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” **10** Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? **11** Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

QUESTIONS TO RESPOND TO...

1. Who were the Pharisees, and what did they do?
2. What do we know about Nicodemus from this passage?
3. How is Nicodemus’s interaction with Jesus different from the way other Pharisees interacted with Jesus?
4. What are we to believe about Jesus from this passage?
5. How is the central message of this passage good news for you today?
6. What does it mean to be born again?
7. How does the need to be born again show the follow of the Pharisees’ extreme focus on obedience?
8. Is it hard for you to believe that God desires an internal transformation in your life rather than external conformity?
9. What evidence will exist in the life of a person who has been born again?
10. Why are Jesus’ words to Nicodemus a message of hope to sinners?

FAMILY RESPONSE

New City Catechism . Week 9

Spend time as a family this week reviewing week one of the New City Catechism.
newcitycatechism.com

Question 9

What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

Answer

First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God’s name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

Deuteronomy 6:13-14

It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you.

Prayer

One and Only God, your name is above all names, and we come before you in reverence and fear. Keep us true to your commandments. Reveal to us any false gods in our lives. Let us worship you alone in spirit and truth. Amen.