

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

MAY 26-27

“Seeing the World through Windows and Mirrors ”

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What Is This?

This brief guide is intended for use individually, or in small groups. It's your chance to dive deeper into the issues raised in the weekend sermon and to connect a Biblical story with your daily life.

Summer Sermon Series

From June to August, from Mark to John's gospels, we will follow the sermon series of “Walk This Way.” This is to hear the invitation from the gospel authors to take up the way just as they did in their time. Read Mark's gospel and this phrase, “the way,” is heard as Mark's singular way of describing what it meant to follow Jesus, who invited us then and invites us now to walk this way.



Revisit the Text

John 3:1-17; <https://bit.ly/2JkISES>

Big Ideas Raised

- Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus takes place at night when Nicodemus sought out Jesus to talk about spiritual questions he could not discern on his own. Jesus hears each question with sincerity but responds enigmatically. Jesus seems to be welcoming Nicodemus with his conversation?
- What do you think happened with Nicodemus? Did he become a serious follower or did he remain as an onlooker? Remember he advocated to the Pharisees to not judge Jesus without hearing him teach. He was also one of the two who took Jesus' body after the crucifixion and made the initial preparations to bury him.
- Can someone be an admirer of Jesus but not a follower?

Questions Meant to Dig Deeper

- Share with one another how you came to follow Jesus? Did you use the term “born again” in any meaningful way? What meaning does that term have for you?
- “New birth” seems to indicate “transformation.” How is it we are transformed?
- The wind of the Spirit is in this story. Is there a role the Spirit plays in your life? Does the church seem like a likely place where one might know God's Spirit is at work?

Revisit the Sermon

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