

Discussion Questions

1. What impacted you most from today's message and why?
2. In what ways have you found yourself falling into "the checklist trap" of faith? Isaiah 29:13 says people honored God with words, but their hearts were far. How can we tell when our hearts are drifting from God?
3. Why do you think it's easier to focus on outward routines than on inward transformation? What do you admire about Nicodemus in John 3:1–2? How does his story relate to people who seem to have it all together spiritually?
3. Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born again. What do you think it means to be "born again," and how is that different from just "being good"? Read John 3:16–17. What stands out to you about God's motivation and purpose in sending Jesus?
4. Ezekiel 36:26-27 talks about God giving a new heart and spirit. What might that look like in everyday life?
5. John 3:19–21 talks about stepping into the light. What might "walking in the light" look like for you right now? What are some things you're tempted to keep hidden?
6. Are you currently walking in a living relationship with Jesus—or just doing the "right things"? How can you tell the difference? What would it look like this week to pursue relationship with Jesus over routine—practically speaking?