

The Essence of Life!

Twelve Sessions in the Gospel of John

Session Two:
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The Gospel of John makes an intriguing promise to the reader: everything necessary to discern the essence of life is found in its pages. Through the course of the book there is action, movement, miracles, and commentary. Woven throughout are a series of close encounters between Jesus and people who stand to discover the essence of life.

This is the story of one of those encounters. In fact, this may be the most famous, most often quoted section of the most read book in the Bible. If you never understood any other passage of Scripture, this one would be enough to take you to heaven. Stay sharp as we dismantle it piece by piece!

1. **Jesus Stimulates Nicodemus' Interest.**
John 2:18-25
I Corinthians 1:21-24

2. **Nicodemus Pursues Jesus' Testimony.**
John 3:1-2

- Nicodemus was:
 - Slummin'
 - Solo
 - Secretive

3. **Jesus Discerns the Real Issue.**
John 3:3

4. **Nicodemus Admits His Personal Confusion.**

John 3: 4, 9

- Nicodemus had a problem:
The conflict between religion and relationship

5. **Jesus Explains the Spiritual Mystery.**

John 3:5-8

John 3:10-21

	You Have To:	You Will Receive
vs. 3	Be born again	See the Kingdom
vs. 5	Be born of the Spirit	Enter the Kingdom
vs. 15	Believe in the Son of Man	Eternal Life
vs. 16	Believe in the Son of God	Eternal Life
vs. 18	Believe in the Son of God	Escape Condemnation

Essence

"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

John 3:3