

## Prep questions

### Study 4: John 2.23 – 3.36 Getting into God's kingdom

**Opener:** What kind of responses would you expect to get from a cross section of people in the City if you asked them, "How do you become a Christian?"

**Text 1:** What can we find out from 2.23 – 3.2, about why Nicodemus came to Jesus this night and what was on his mind?

**Text 2:** How would you put Jesus' phrase "Truly, truly" in your own words? What do the 3 parts of Jesus' answer to Nicodemus' questions beginning with "Truly, truly" (v3; v5-8; v11-21) tell us about a) the state of humanity b) what's involved in becoming part of God's kingdom c) and how does that happen?

**OT sharpener:** how does Numbers 21:4-9 help us better understand what Jesus has come to do?

**Text 3:** How in v27 – 36 is what John the Baptist says similar to what Jesus says in 3:1-21? How does this underline the big message?

**Sum up:** From this passage, how would you explain to someone how a person enters the Kingdom of God?

**One to chew on:** Which parts of this passage do you find attractive and which parts do you find difficult? Why?

***Looking at John with someone else – being prepared for their questions/issues...***

Which parts of this passage might someone you're looking at John with 1-2-1 find attractive and difficult? Why?