

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**Questions for Discussion and Reflection**

**John 2:23-3:21**

1. When did you first realize that you believed in Jesus? How did that come to pass?

Read John 3:1-10

2. What do you know about Pharisees? What was their role? What was their reputation?
3. What signs has Jesus performed so far? What have the signs helped Nicodemus to realize about Jesus? How is this both a good starting point and an inadequate conclusion?
4. What is necessary for someone to see the kingdom of God? On your own, look at where this concept appears in Scripture - Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; 1 John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18.
5. To see the Kingdom of God (v3) = To enter the kingdom of God (5). So being born again (v3) = (v5)?
6. What does it mean to be born again or to be born of water and the Spirit? You may like to look at the following Old Testament passages:

	Water (Y/N)	Spirit (Y/N)	Cleansing &/or Transformation of the heart?
Isaiah 32:15 – 20			
Ezekiel 11:14-21			
Ezekiel 39:25-29			
Jeremiah 31:29-33			
Ezekiel 36:25 – 27			

7. Why would Nicodemus be shocked that HE cannot enter the kingdom unless he is born again? Which part of him needs to be changed so that he can enter?
8. What does it say about us that we need to be born again?

Read John 3:11-21

9. When John writes of 'the world' – what do we learn about the world in v19? What does this tell us about the people we know who are outside of Christ?
10. What is God's stance towards the world? Why did Jesus has come into it? (3:16)?
11. If God loved us only at our best – what affect would that have on our relationship? What difference does it make that God loves and came for those in darkness?V19
12. How do we receive Eternal life? How does this help us know what it means to be born again? How does it impact you to know that your belief is given to you by the Spirit?
13. Are you born again?