

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION –
The God who gives new birth

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

Read John 3:1-10

2. Discuss how the Bible describes people who have not been born again. Do you agree with it's assessment that we are:
dead in our trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1-2); by nature children of wrath (Eph 2:3; lovers of darkness and haters of the light (John 3:19-20); hard and stony hearted (Ezekiel 36:26; Eph 4:18); unable to submit to God or please God (Rom 8:7-8); unable to accept the gospel (Eph 4:18; 1 Cor 2:14); unable to come to Christ or embrace him as Lord (John 6:44, 65; 1 Cor 12:3); slaves to sin – Romans 6:17; slaves of Satan – Eph 2:1-2; 2 Tim 2:24-26; :18
3. 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.
4. 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?
5. What does it say about us that we need to be born again?

Read John 3:11-21

6. What is God's stance towards the world? Why did Jesus has come into it? (3:16)?
7. 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
8. To be born again is a gift of the Spirit? How does it impact you to know that you believe because the Spirit of God has given you new life?
9. To believe is to be born again – see John 3:15, 16, 18, v36. How does our obedience to Jesus demonstrate our believing in him? See John 14:15 and 1 John (all over the place!).
10. Have you been born again?