

Study Notes for John 3 (Part 1) v1-15

- Given the circumstances in which Nicodemus chose to visit Jesus (3:2), what do you think Nicodemus' purpose was?
- As you read through this passage, what do you think was going through Nicodemus' mind as He was hearing from Jesus that his Jewish pedigree wasn't enough to enter the Kingdom of God?
- Why do you think Nicodemus immediately assumed that Jesus was speaking physically when He said that Nicodemus needed to be born again?
- What would you say to someone who believed like Nicodemus that he or she could be good enough to warrant God's approval?
- **Something to think about:** The Greek phrase that is translated "born again" literally means "born again from above."
- How does a person know when they've been reborn from above?
- What areas of a person's life demonstrate that he or she has been transformed by the new birth?
- To what extent do these changes happen all at once, and to what extent do they take time?
- Why is a new birth necessary for seeing and entering God's kingdom?
- What are some ways in which you can tell that someone is depending on something other than new birth to enter God's kingdom?
- What is Jesus saying in **3:10–12**?
- Jesus had barely begun His ministry. But according to **3:14–15**, what did Jesus already know about His mission?