



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 15 May 2022

Please read John 3.1-4 (and Philippians 3.4-6)

1. On what grounds did Nicodemus (and Paul) assume he was already be part of the Kingdom of God? Why was that no good for God?
2. What 'no good' things are you tempted to rely on as grounds for your inclusion in the Kingdom of God or acceptance by God? Why these things?

Please read John 3.5-7; Ezekiel 36.25-27; Ezekiel 37.1-6 & 10; Titus 3.3-6

3. What does Jesus mean by our need of being 'born of water and the Spirit' in order that we might see the kingdom of God?
4. What's your experience of the 'washing of rebirth' and 'renewal by the Holy Spirit' in your journey of salvation and faith?

Please read John 3.8

The wind is invisible – but you can see and hear the effects of the wind.

The wind changes places - The Spirit of God changes people.

5. What effects might we see in the personal, relational and communal lives of those who have the Holy Spirit's breath in them?

Please read John 3.9-17

6. In response to Nicodemus' confusion – how does Jesus clarify what really matters for entrance into God's Kingdom?
7. How does this passage reveal God's heart and God's remedy for people who are blinded by religion, like Nicodemus?

Please read John 7.45-51, and John 19.38-42

8. What evidence is there that this conversation with Jesus had an effect on Nicodemus?
9. What is Jesus teaching you about the person of the Holy Spirit from this passage?
10. How do you need to respond to God?