

“Assumptions” Group Study

Discovering Jesus: **Week 7**

Passage: John 3:1-21

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ICEBREAKER:

1. What is your favorite barbeque dish?
2. If you had only one question you could ask Jesus, what would it be?

As a way to get into the study, try to remember the Sermon Outline from Sunday:

(In case you get stuck, click this link for the filled in outline: [DJ 7 - Assumptions Outline](#))

1. Without _____, we settle for assumptions.
 2. _____ to other perspectives _____ our assumptions.
 3. Jesus has the _____ to dismantle our assumptions.
 4. _____ for the truth will force us to _____ our assumptions.
- * If you want a “_____” in your life, put all your _____ to the side.



Discover the Way of Jesus

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

3. Take a moment with your group to read and review John 3:1-21. What did Nicodemus assume about Jesus? How did his questions about Christ ultimately lead him to the truth?
4. Focus on Jesus’ comparison of the wind to those who are born of the Spirit (John 3:8). What are the similarities between the two?
5. What do we later discover about the faith of Nicodemus in John 19:38-42?



Develop the Heart of Jesus

(This is the part of the study where we work on our own hearts. “How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?”)

The most dangerous ideas in a society are not the ones being argued, but the ones that are assumed. - C. S. Lewis

6. Proverbs 18:2 speaks to the fool who takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in speaking his opinion. In what ways are believers tempted to *assume* that the strong opinions of the culture are true? Share a few examples.
7. How do you resolve doubts or questions about your own faith?
8. Look at 3:20-21 again. How are these verses convicting to you?



Deploy for Renewal

(This is the part of the study that we ask, “What would God want us to do because of this passage?”)

9. How do you think Jesus would respond to the question that you asked earlier? How would you respond? What can you do today to live in the way of Jesus for the sake of others?
10. Develop a few introductory questions that might be helpful to stir up the curiosity of those you know who may be seeking to know more about God.

Church Announcements & Info:

Membership Class - Sunday, June 4, 9-10:30am

Come learn all about what we believe and how you can commit to this church as a member.

Women’s Worship & Prayer Night - Wednesday, June 7, 6:30-8pm in the Chapel

Gather together with the women of EFCC to pray and worship together... Just as women.

Baptisms on Father’s Day! - Sunday, June 18 in all Services

Fathers are meant to play a unique role in the development of the faith of the children, and it was our Heavenly Father who blessed Jesus when he was baptized. So, on this Father’s Day, we are going to invite Fathers to come and help bless and baptize their kids.

If you have a child who is ready to be baptized, and you would want to be a part of baptizing them, or if you would like to be baptized, please reach out to Janelle at

jwilson@efcc.org.

Lay Care Team

If you have spiritual giftedness for compassion, listening and prayer, we'd love to invite you to join EFCC's Lay Care Team and serve during specific time windows (like Sunday morning) to assist people struggling with urgent spiritual, emotional or practical needs. For questions about serving on the Lay Care Team contact Dave Korinek (Congregational Care) at 760-781-2112.