

Small Group/Sermon Notes based on Tasked 7

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to follow Christ!
- This week: Be Born Again. **John 3:3.**
 - Have you ever wanted a “do over” in life? That’s the promise of the Gospel.
- “Born again” is only in the Bible a little, 3 or 4 times. The concept is pervasive.
 - Read the account of Nicodemus and then talk about being “born again.”
- **John 3:1-21**
- Five things we are born into when we are born again:
 - 1: Freedom.
 - Debt free! At least debt of sin free! ☺
 - 3 ways we are set free from sin: past, others, future.
 - Bondage free! No chain can hold you when you learn to break them in Jesus name!
 - 2: Heritage. You are born into a family.
 - **Romans 8:16-17.** Three implications: family, purpose, and future.
 - 3: Wisdom. You get born again smarter!
 - **Romans 12:2.** You see the world differently.
 - No longer a fool.
 - No longer a pain in the neck either.
 - 4: Victory. You get born again as a champion.
 - **Romans 8:35-39.** The “more than” means we help others get the victory too rather than smash them.
 - **James 4:7.** Oh, if some people would catch this!
 - Not a coward. Not a victim. Not a loser. You are a champion.
 - 5: Being a blessing. You get born into being part of the solution.
 - **John 7:38.**
 - You know how when you see some people it’s a drag, but with others it’s wonderful. You are born into being a life giver.
 - Being born again is just the start. It gives us the potential for these things.
 - Then we have to grow up and fight our battles. (Next week.)
 - Here is the key to starting and to finishing: **John 3:6.**
 - To be born again we must be born from above by the Holy Spirit.
 - Let’s open ourselves up to God right now.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!