

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from December 27-28, 2003

"You Must Be Born Again"

John 3:1-3

Observing the text

Compare John 3:1-8 with 7:45-53 and John 19:38-42 and record your observations.

How does 3:1-8 fit in with John 2:23-25?

How did Nicodemus understand Jesus' statement, "You must be born again?"

What are the possible meanings of Jesus' words, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit?"

Applying the sermon

What would you say to God if He were to ask you "Why should I let you into My heaven?"

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Examine your answer and see if it reflects a belief that you are responsible for your salvation rather than God.

How important is it when you are seeking to reach people with the gospel of Christ that those people recognize the total futility of self-effort?

Could Nicodemus have been saved if he had been convinced that Jesus was the Messiah and supported Him as the Messiah while relying on his own good works to save him?