

Study Questions:

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

Key passage: John 3:1-16

1. What questions did this week's message raise for you?
2. Read again (out loud if you're willing) John 3:1-16. Describe in your own words what you have always thought the words "born again" mean (it's OK to be completely honest here).
3. As you look at this story...
 - a) Has your view of being "born again" changed any because of the teaching of Jesus here?
 - b) What verse in this passage most connects with your heart the most and why?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:3-13. Peter mentions the new birth in v. 3, and says it is our "living hope."
 - a) If that phrase means "a taste of your future" how is Peter saying, in the rest of the passage, that this hope can affect your life today?
 - b) Look again at vs. 8-9. Does that describe your experience as a Christian? In what ways?
5. In what practical ways can you apply this ancient but up-to-date truth about what it means to be "born again" to your living, feeling, and praying this week?



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What's Different Now

FHL, Part 2

Pastor Dwain Tissell



Sunday Services at
9:30 & 11:00am

- Childcare provided
- Children's programs both services
- Junior High & High School 2nd service only
- In the Beginning Cafe, or free drip coffee

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Announcements

Annual Meeting

Stick around after second service today to join our Leadership Team for our Annual Meeting! We'll talk some business, like our budget for 2010, and we'll be voting on a few LT candidates for re-election. The meeting will be short and you'll be sure to learn a little more about how things work around here.



Discover Eastridge!

New with us? Want to know more about what we're about and how you can plug in? Sign up for our Discovery 101 class, next Sunday March 7th at 12:30pm. Lunch and childcare are on us! Sign up at the Information Kiosk.

Events

www.eastridgechurch.org/events

Baptism service.....March 21 Marriage Retreat.....May 14-16
Beth Moore Simulcast.....April 24

Outreach

www.eastridgechurch.org/outreach

Help for Haiti

Clackamas High School is holding a clothing/hygiene products drive to benefit the needy in Haiti. They are collecting clothing, all sizes of shoes, and hygiene supplies like soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Drop off your donations at CHS room 111.

HEART

Are you or someone you know struggling with a past abortion? If so, there is help available. HEART (Healing Encouragement for Abortion Related Trauma) and Healing a Father's Heart bible study support groups will be starting soon. Please call our confidential voice mail at (503) 22-HEART.

Compassion North Clackamas - April 24

On April 24, we invite you to give back to the North Clackamas community! We're holding this event to provide people in the community basic medical, dental, and social care. There are many ways to help out at this event—positions for every gift and talent. Grab a flier at the Info Center, or check out www.compassionclackamas.org!

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¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

⁴"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

⁵Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

...¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

When you meet Jesus, the truth that changes your life is that

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