

ALL EYES ON JESUS

Nic at Night

(John 3:1-15)

Small Group Study Notes

Get to know you: What is your favorite restaurant? Why and what do you typically order?

- ❖ Explain the difference between religion and a relationship with God.
 - Describe a religious but lost person.

1) Read John 3:1-2: Describe Nicodemus.

- Who were the Pharisees?
- Who were the Sanhedrin?
- How might social prominence and a guarded reputation keep us from seeing your need for Christ?
- Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?
- What was Nicodemus' attitude toward Christ? What was yours before you became a child of God?

2) Read John 3:3-8 and what was Nicodemus' spiritual problem?

- Jesus went straight to the eternal issue. When is the last time you spoke to someone about their soul? Do you find this difficult?
- Do you think culture sees sin as a big deal? How does this impact our relationship with God?
- What did Jesus mean when He said born of water and the spirit?
- Describe the similarities of the Spirit and the wind.

3) Read John 3:9-15

- Jesus was direct with Nicodemus. Do you think it is healthy to have some "tension" when talking to a lost person about their soul? Explain.
- Read Numbers 21:4-9 – what spiritual implications or insights do you see?
- What difficult event did Jesus know was before Him? How does that make his obedience to the Father that much more meaningful?

Close:

- What truth do you find difficult to understand in this passage?
- What would become of Nicodemus? John 7:50-51 and John 19:39-40.
- Sometimes bringing someone into the Family of God is a process. Explain.
- Will you commit to talking to someone this week about their soul?