

“Jesus Says”: Facilitator Guide

Week 13: John 3:1-21, "Eternity Explained"

Before you meet: Send out a reminder and encouragement to your ‘Ohana Group about attending group. Remind to attend one of the in-person services Fridays at 6:30pm, Sundays at 8:30am or Online Sunday mornings.

Be Prepared: Test out the video from the ‘Ohana Group Webpage by playing it and making sure it is working well prior to meeting. Print out any of the resources you need for the night (discussion questions and facilitator guide). Read through the questions ahead of time. Videos and Material found at hopechapelmaui.com click on ‘Ohana Groups.

Suggested Format:

- Welcome/Fellowship
- Pray
- Watch Video (video 10-20 min)
- Discussion Questions (30-40 min)
- Prayer Requests and Praises (10-20min)

Leader Guide:

Jesus Says— In this series, we are focusing exclusively on the words of Jesus as recorded throughout the Gospels that will both challenge us and comfort us in the circumstances we face today!

Please encourage your ‘Ohana to be diligent in reading through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) throughout the week. This will allow us all to have a better understanding of context and be more familiar with the teachings of Jesus.

As you use this discussion guide, feel free to use as many questions or as little question as you need to facilitate your ‘Ohana Group.

Discussion Guide:

-Read John 3:1-21, out loud.

-PLAY VIDEO

'Ohana Group Study Questions

(Series: Jesus Says. Week 13: John 3:1-21, "Eternity Explained")

1. In the message from this weekend or the video, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What applications for your life did you learn?
2. From this week's Scripture, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?

A Deeper Look

3. What does Jesus tell Nicodemus about how a person can be born again? How does new birth occur, what changes take place in a person's life, and what new nature and benefits do they receive?
4. What is the significance of v. 14-15? (Read Numbers 21:4-9). Why would Jesus refer to this story to explain new birth to Nicodemus?
(This is a story of *people's sin*, their *need for faith*, and *God's grace*. Any person who was bitten, and in faith looked at the serpent, would immediately be healed. Nicodemus knew this Old Testament story, so Jesus explained to him that just as the serpent was lifted up on that pole, the Son of God would be lifted up on a cross, to save us from sin and death.)

TAKING IT HOME

5. What is the Holy Spirit's role in rebirth? How have you seen the Holy Spirit work in your life since you have been born again, and how do you see his work continued in you today? How do you see the Holy Spirit in other members of your Ohana group? Take some time to encourage one another!
6. What other passages of Scripture come to mind that talk about a change of heart/change of nature? (*Ezekiel 36:26, Romans 6, 2 Cor. 5:17, Ephesians 2, Col. 3:1-17, Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 2:9-10, 2 Peter 1:3-4, 1 John 3:14*) How do such passages lead you to celebrate the new life you have in Christ?

HOMEWORK

Spend some time during this series reading the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES
