

Week of March 15, 2020

## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: John 3:9-15

- 1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- 2. Challenge yourself to find three Old Testament references to new birth or the coming of the Spirit that Nicodemus ought to have been familiar with. Share one with your group.

3. Using Nicodemus as an example, what is the difference between knowledge and belief?

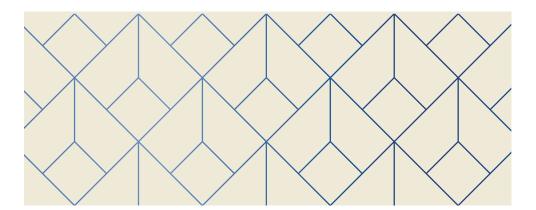
- 4. Do you find knowledge or belief a more commonly spoken objection to Christianity as you share the Gospel?
- 5. As a Pharisee, Nicodemus was exposed to Scripture regularly. Can exposure to the Word of God ever be a bad thing?
- 6. Reading Hebrews 11:5 and 2 Kings 2:11, has Jesus lied in his claim that "no one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven"? Why or why not?
- 7. Serpents are often used as referents to evil in Scripture. Why, then, is a serpent compared to Christ in verse 14?
- 8. How is the "eternal life" promised to believers in verse 15 the same or different than the life we are currently living?



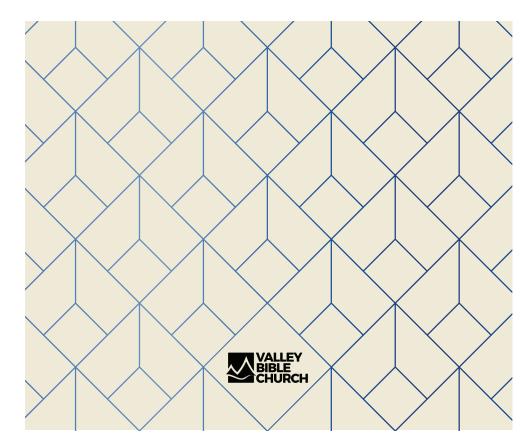








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# THE SERPENT AND THE SAVIOR

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# OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

# 9 AM

Adult | **The Life and Teachings of Jesus** | 130 Adult | **Encountering God** | 130 6th - 8th Grade | 152 9th - 12th Grade | 151 Kids (pre-k-5th Grade) See Kid's Check-in

# 10:45 AM

Adult | **Kingdom Stewards** | 130 Kids (pre-k-5th Grade) See Kid's Check-in

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **3 NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

During the 9 am hour is The Life and Teachings of Jesus: A Survey of the Gospels and Encountering God: Spiritual Disciplines. During the 10:45 am hour is Kingdom Stewards: Leveraging the Gifts God Has Given You for the Kingdom!

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our Potluck & Congregational Meeting is **Sunday, March 29 right after 2nd service**. For our potluck, last names A-P please bring a plate of sandwiches and a side dish (no hot dishes please) and Q-Z please bring a plate of sandwiches and a dessert.

### LOIS WALLIN UPDATE

Lois Wallin has been moved to Sunshine Health & Rehab located at 10410 E 9th Room 109.

### **CHECK-IN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The **Children's Ministry is in need of two check-in volunteers.** Commitment is once a month for a full Sunday morning. Contact Jennifer Dokken (*jennifer@spokanevbc.org*) for more info.

# THIS WEEK

- Mo Ignite College/career age 7 pm | Doehle Home
- Tu Men's Theology Class 6:30 am | 130c
- We Youth Group 6 -12 grade 6:30 - 8:30 pm | 130a
- Th Blanket Makers 9 am - 1 pm | 130
- Sa Women's Luncheon 11 am - 1 pm | VBC



# BRIDGE MINISTRY

Bridge Ministries provides pastoral, biblically based counseling free of charge to our church and the community. It is the guided process of applying biblical wisdom to the hurt in our lives, aimed at bridging the gap between you and your joy. Visit spokanevbc.org/bridge-ministries, or contact Pastor Chad Ingalls, our full-time Pastor of Counseling, at bridgeministries@spokanevbc.org for more information.