

LG | Guide

[John 3:1-17]

WARM-UP (5 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- How was your week? How is your walk with the Lord?
- When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what did you learn?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. Many know and love the famous passage John 3:16, but few know the verses that precede and follow that famous verse. Given that John 3:16 begins with the word "For," who can tell us what precedes John 3:16 given Sunday's message?
2. The opening verse says that Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews? What kind ruler was Nicodemus?
3. What is the difference between a Pharisee and a Sadducee?
4. Jesus says that one cannot enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. What does this mean and how would you explain this mystery to someone?
5. In verse 14, how is Jesus making a connection between himself and a serpent? Where does this reference come from?
6. Verse 17 says that God *sent* His Son into the world. Jesus then *sends* his disciples into the world. Finally, Jesus *sends* us into the world. How do we know we are sent into the world? What is our mission? What is so significant about this *sending* sequence of events here?
7. What does verse 17 say about the heart of God?

PRAY (10 mins)

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.