**Lesson 4**

**Discussion Questions**

What important group was Nicodemus part of? *He was a member of the Jewish ruling council*

Why did he visit Jesus by night? *So others would not see him as he was probably scared of losing his position on the council*

Explain verse 3. Why does Jesus greet Nicodemus and reply to him like this? What is his point? *He know what was on Nicodemus’s heart, and was trying to teach him about the second birth, salvation*

In what way does Nicodemus misunderstand Jesus? *He assuming Jesus is talking about regular baby birth*

What does it mean to be born of water and the spirit? *Your first birth is as a baby your second birth is into eternal life Jesus gives us*

What analogies does Jesus use? *The wind, you cannot tell where it is from or going*

Explain verse 8. What does the comparison to wind and a born-again believer mean? *The spirit is like the wind, you aren’t really sure where it came from or what it will do but you feel it and listen to it*

How can a person be born again? *By accepting Jesus as our savior, we have put our old man(sin) to death and are reborn as a new being in God*

Why did Jesus ask the question in verse 10 since he knew the answer already? What is his point? *Proving his point that men did not know or understand everything*

Who is the “we” in verse 11? *God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit*

Who is the “you” in verses 11-12? *All of the Hebrews*

What common biblical “bible logic” can we see in verse 12?  *I spoke of earthly things you did not understand, why would you expect to understand heavenly things*

Who is the Son of Man? What does this title mean? *Jesus, born of a women yet also son of God*

Haven’t other people or beings descended from heaven and ascended to heaven? Then what does verse mean? *No one has, except Jesus, He is the son of God*

Explain about Moses lifting up a servant in the wilderness. *He lifted up a snake so people would see and believe and live, Jesus is doing the same thing*

What are the similarities between this and Jesus being lifted up on the cross? *Both have been lifted up and believed in and had faith in*

What does verse 16 tell us about love?  *It is God who loves us more than anything, and Jesus was the only one who was worthy of the sacrifice of blood to save us all*

Explain the word “begotten”. *Jesus is God’s son, only he could have had a virgin give birth*

What does darkness represent? Why do people love it? *Evil, sin, hard to see in the darkness,*

Are you living in the light or in the dark?  *I pray I am more light than dark, although I know my old man is still with me but being quenched by the Spirit I received when I was saved.*