

Read John 3:1-17

Was there ever a time that you debated with Jesus like Nicodemus?

In a sense Jesus was telling him, “You know the right answer, but you need to look at it through a different lens, from a new angle. Put away *that way of thinking* and approach it with a *new way of thinking*.”

Which is harder – learning a new way of thinking with a device (your phone or the features in your car) or learning a new spiritual truth about yourself?

Tell a story about a change in your life that you were excited about. How did it change your life? Who was the first person you wanted to talk to about it.

Tell a story about a change that happened in your life that you weren’t ready for. How did that change alter your life? Who was the first person you wanted to talk to?

How were those situations like a new birth?

How does the new birth, as Jesus described it to Nicodemus, seem like Christ’s resurrection experience?

In that aspect the tomb became the womb. Delivering became deliverance. How do our experiences of change and transformation become our own story of death, laying down the old, and resurrection, living into the new?

How does the New Birth conversation relate to the church?

Read Luke 5:36-39

How does the analogy of the old/new wineskin apply to life at First Reformed Church? What have you tried to “patch” with new cloth?

What New Birth is God wanting to give to FRC?