

Jesus & Nicodemus (John 3:1-18)

What makes Christianity distinct in its teaching of salvation?

- We can do nothing to earn it
Isaiah 64:6
- There is only one way to be saved – Jesus
John 14:6 Acts 4:12
- A holy God came in humility and love
Romans 5:6-8

Common Errors about the Christian Doctrine of Salvation

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Two primary positions that reject Jesus as Lord and Savior

- 1.
- 2.

How does one obtain salvation? Romans 10:9-13

Community Group Questions

1. What other teachings of salvation (philosophy, other religions, etc) have you encountered?
 - a. What distinguishes the Christian doctrine of salvation from these other teachings?
2. Why is a proper understanding of the doctrine of sin so important to a correct understanding of the doctrine of salvation?
3. Read John 3:1-21
 - a. Why is "being born again" a great analogy for what takes place when salvation occurs?
 - b. How does the metaphor of the wind blowing capture the process of salvation?
 - c. What are some reasons that Nicodemus was a little confused & not understanding what Jesus was saying?
4. Read Numbers 21:4-9
 - a. How is this story analogous to our situation when it comes to us, God and His salvation?
5. What are some of the common errors believed about Christian salvation?
 - a. Why do you think these errors are so prevalent?
 - b. Are there any habits or teachings that the American church has that perpetuates these errors?
 - i. What are some ways we can begin to change these erroneous beliefs about salvation:
 1. As a church?
 2. As a community group?
 3. As an individual?
6. Read Romans 10:9-13 and Ephesians 2:8,9
 - a. How does one obtain salvation?
7. From the two primary positions that reject Jesus & His gospel:
 - I will never submit to God
 - God will never accept me because of what I've done
 - a. Which position have you encountered more?
 - b. How would you demonstrate and communicate the gospel to someone that holds each position?
8. Ask a few people in the community group to share how they placed their faith in Jesus
9. Why is our personal testimony a critical piece in sharing the gospel with someone?
10. Why is it important to share this gospel of salvation?
11. Who do you need to share the gospel with (this means demonstrate and communicate)?

