

Spirituality

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

John 3:1-12;14:15-20,25-27

I. Introduction

- a. You have a soul . . .

II. Recognize: Your Soul has a Problem

- a. John 3:1-12
- b. Your Soul is needy, but that's not the problem . . .

III. Discover what your Soul is organized around

- a. The secret is not trying to ignore the need; it is replacing it with what truly satisfies . . .

IV. Embrace God's Spirit

- a. We need to be born again . . .
- b. Understand the work of the Spirit: John 4:15-20,25-27
 - i. The Holy Spirit is a Person
 - ii. He is another Advocate, just like Jesus

V. Take your Next Step

- a. Hear His Call . . .
- b. You are the keeper of your soul . . .
- c. Reorganize your life around God . . .

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. How is the condition of your soul?
2. When do you feel close to God's Spirit?

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Have you ever wondered if the spiritual realm is real? Why or why not?
2. What questions or ponderings do you have about the nature of the soul?
3. Read John 3:1-12. What stands out to you about this passage?
4. Read John 4:1-26. Both of these passages are about people who encounter Jesus and Jesus talks about the Spirit and God's purpose for us being spiritual. Compare and contrast these two people. What do you think would have been surprising to Jesus' apostles?
5. What do you think Jesus meant when he said we had to be born again?
6. How does John 14 help us understand the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
7. What step are you going to make to orient your soul around God?
8. How did God speak to you through the message?
9. How can we pray for one another?