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June 22: Jesus & Nicodemus John 3:1–21

1. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night? What might that say about his beliefs or fears?
2. Jesus talks about being “born again.” What do you think He meant, and how is that different from just “being a good person”?
3. In verse 16, we read the famous line about God’s love for the world. How do you personally experience or struggle with that truth?
4. What does Jesus mean when He says people “loved darkness rather than light”?
5. In what ways do we see that in our world—or in ourselves?
6. How has your understanding of grace changed over time, especially when reading passages like this one?

Family Questions

1. Why do you think Nicodemus wanted to ask Jesus questions? Have you ever had big questions about God too?
2. Jesus said God loved the world so much that He gave us His Son. How do you know someone loves you?
How do you think God shows His love?
3. Jesus talked about light and darkness. What do you think it means to live in the light?
Can you think of a time you chose to do what’s right?

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June 29: Jesus & The Man at the Pool John 5

1. In verses 6–9, Jesus heals a man who had been an invalid for 38 years. What does this reveal about Jesus' compassion and power—and how does it point to His divine authority?
2. The man didn't even ask to be healed—Jesus initiated it. How is that like what God does for us in salvation, according to Ephesians 2:8–9?
3. In verses 16–18, the religious leaders were upset that Jesus healed on the Sabbath. How do we sometimes get more focused on rules than on people or mercy?
4. In verses 24–29, Jesus speaks about giving life and judging the world. What comfort does it bring you to know that the One who judges is also the One who died for you?
5. Jesus says the Scriptures point to Him (v.39). How can we read the Bible in a Christ-centered way, not just as a book of rules or stories?

Family Questions

1. *Jesus healed a man who couldn't walk for a long time. What does this show us about how much Jesus cares for people who are hurting?*
2. *Jesus said, "Whoever hears my word and believes... has eternal life" (v. 24). How do we know we can trust Jesus to give us life forever?*
3. *The Bible tells us all about Jesus, not just rules. Why is it important to read the Bible to learn more about who Jesus is and what He's done for us?*

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July 6: Jesus & The Man Born Blind John 9

1. In verse 2, the disciples ask, “Who sinned...?” How does Jesus’ response (v.3) shift the focus from blame to God’s purpose?
2. How can this change the way we think about suffering?
3. The man was born blind and could do nothing to heal himself. How does his physical healing reflect our spiritual healing through Christ alone (by grace, not works)?
4. The Pharisees refused to believe in the miracle, even with clear evidence (v.13–34). What keeps people today from seeing or accepting the truth about Jesus?
5. The healed man grows in boldness and faith throughout the chapter. What helped him grow—and what helps your faith deepen in times of pressure or questioning?
6. Jesus says in verse 39, “I came into this world... so that those who do not see may see.” How is spiritual blindness described in Scripture—and how do Word and Sacrament open our eyes to Jesus’ teaching?

Family Questions

1. *Jesus helped a man who was blind from birth. What does this show us about how Jesus loves and helps people, even when they can’t help themselves?*
2. *The man didn’t earn his healing—Jesus just gave it. How is that like what Jesus does for us when He forgives our sins?*
3. *Some people didn’t believe in Jesus, even after the miracle. Why is it so important to keep listening to God’s Word and trusting what the Bible says about Jesus?*

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July 13: Jesus & Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-27

1. Zacchaeus was a wealthy tax collector and considered a sinner (v.2). Why do you think Jesus chose to stay at his house?
2. How does this show Jesus' mission to seek and save the lost (v.10)?
3. Zacchaeus responds to Jesus with repentance and generosity (v.8). How does true faith naturally lead to changed actions—according to Lutheran teaching?
4. In the Parable of the Ten Minas, the master gives resources to his servants and expects a return. What do you think this teaches us about being faithful stewards of what God gives us?
5. One servant hides his mina out of fear (v.20). How can fear or misunderstanding of God's character affect how we live out our faith?
6. Jesus is nearing Jerusalem in this chapter, where He will go to the cross. How does this entire passage—Zacchaeus and the parable—point us toward Christ's kingdom and the urgency of the Gospel?

Family Questions

1. *Zacchaeus climbed a tree just to see Jesus! Why do you think he wanted to see Him so badly—and how do we see Jesus today through His Word?*
2. *Zacchaeus changed how he lived after meeting Jesus. How does Jesus help us say “sorry” for our sins and live in a new way?*
3. *Jesus is the King in the story who gives out minas (money) to His servants. What are some ways we can use what God gives us—like time, talents, or kindness—to serve Him and others?*