

**Steps Toward Faith**  
**March 4-5, 2023**  
**John 3:1-17 NICODEMUS**

1. Nicodemus takes the first steps toward faith in Jesus by seeking him out. Why does he go at night? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Nicodemus begins not by asking Jesus something but by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jesus' response about being "born from above" represents a bigger, cosmic perspective than Nicodemus has. Where does John first introduce this perspective? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Nicodemus hears "born from above" as \_\_\_\_\_. How does he misunderstand Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
3. "Flesh" represents whose perspective? \_\_\_\_\_ Whose perspective is represented by the word "Spirit?" \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus gives a concrete example of "knowing" something without being able to explain all the details. What is the example? \_\_\_\_\_. What is the irony or playfulness with words here? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. What is Nicodemus response? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
4. What is the challenge in Jesus' words about "earthly things" and "heavenly things" \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus examples from cosmic \_\_\_\_\_ to earthly \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to tradition and history, and then finally back  
to \_\_\_\_\_.
6. When taking a step toward faith in Jesus, it's OK to begin with what you know as long as you understand that Jesus might take you to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, and not just \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Nicodemus was not ready for that. Are you?

Prayer for the week: that we would acknowledge the limits of our own understanding, and trust God to keep his promises to us for new life, born of water and the Spirit