

Shout It Out
Jumping Hurdles – Part 5
Life Church St. Louis – October 3, 2021
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2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

Acts 1:8 (ESV) *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

1. Respond to _____

John 3:2 (ESV) *This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”*

John 3:3 (ESV) *Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

John 3:4 (ESV) *Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”*

John 3:5 (ESV) *Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*

2. Answer their _____

John 3:7-8 (ESV) *Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know*

where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:9-10 (ESV) *Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?”*

John 3:12-13 (ESV) *If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.*

3. Explain the plan of _____

John 3:14-15 (ESV) *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (ESV) *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:18 (ESV) *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (John 3:1-21)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. What are some of the hindrances you find to sharing your faith?

Intro. How does 2 Peter 3:9 put into perspective what is at stake in our witness as believers?

Intro. In what ways do we need the power of the Spirit to be Jesus' witnesses (Acts 1:8)?

1A. Why do you think Nicodemus approached Jesus at night (John 3:2)?

1B. In what ways does the phrase "born again" offer a good description of what it means to be a follower of Christ (John 3:3)?

1C. What do Nicodemus's questions tell us about him (John 3:4-5)?

1D. What does Jesus' response to Nicodemus teach us about how we should respond to spiritual questions from unbelievers?

2A. What reason did Jesus give for saying that Nicodemus should not be surprised by what he was hearing (John 3:7-8)?

2B. Why did Jesus answer Nicodemus's question with another question (John 3:9-10)?

2C. How did Jesus' earthly illustrations prepare Nicodemus for spiritual reality (John 3:12-13)?

2D. Why is sharing the story of how you got saved so powerful in witnessing?

3A. Why do you think Jesus used the story of Moses' serpent to illustrate the spiritual reality Nicodemus sought (John 3:14-15)?

3B. What does it mean to believe in Jesus in John 3:16?

3C. Why is not believing in Jesus the ultimate sin that condemns people to hell (John 3:18)?

3D. How would you explain the plan of salvation with the A-Admit, B-Believe and C-Commit acronym to an unbeliever?