A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study Date: January 13, 2021 Fulfilled – John 3:1-15

- 1. Who was Nicodemus, according to John 3:1? _____
- 2. When, according to John 3:2, did Nicodemus come to Jesus?
- 3. Why do you think he came at night? _____
- 4. How, according to 3:2, does Nicodemus say that he (and apparently others) knows that Jesus has come from God?
- 5. What does Jesus say to Nicodemus in verse 3? _____
- 6. How does Nicodemus respond?
 - a. He asks Jesus to come into his heart right there.
 - b. He is confused because he interprets Jesus' words to mean a literal physical rebirth.
- 7. What is Jesus really talking about, according to verses 5-8?
 - a. We were born once of the flesh, but we need to be born of the Spirit.
 - b. The nature with which we were born needs to be overcome by the power of the Spirit.
 - c. We were born one way, but we need to be reborn in a different way. This will make us new and reorder some aspects of who we were born to be originally.
 - d. We were born, as humans, into sin.
 - e. We can't go to heaven by living in the nature in which we were born. We must be changed and born into a new nature (see 1 Corinthians
- 8. Does the concept of being "born again" or "born of the Spirit" still confuse people today? Yes_____No____ Explain.
- 9. What is Jesus referring to in 3:14?
 - a. I don't know, he just lost me.
 - b. In Numbers 21:4-9, Moses made a bronze snake. People who were bitten by snakes could look to this and be saved.
 - c. Jesus is saying that the way to be "born of the Spirit" is to look to him and put our trust in him for salvation.
 - d. The kind of transformation that causes us to live by the Spirit rather than by the sin nature (selfishness) into which we were originally born can only be found by putting our trust in Jesus. This trust in Jesus allows Him to come in and fundamentally change something within us, like a new birth.
- 10. Have you been born again by putting your trust in Jesus?_____