

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: March 8, 2020
Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17
Faith

1. **Read Genesis 12:1–4a.** What call does God give to Abram in 12:1? _____

What is the promise that is given to Abram in this 12:2-3? _____

How did Abram respond, according to 12:4? _____

2. **Read Psalm 121.** What confidence does the Psalmist display that lift his eyes up to the mountains?

3. **Read Romans 4:1-5, 13-17.** How, according to this text was Abraham justified? _____

4. **Read John 3:1-17.** What is happening in 3:1-2?
 - a. A Pharisee name Nicodemus, who was a member of the Jewish ruling council, came to Jesus.
 - b. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night.
 - c. Nicodemus affirmed that he knew Jesus was a teacher who has come from God.
5. What does Jesus tell Nicodemus in 3:3? _____

6. What question does Nicodemus ask of Jesus in 3:4? _____

7. What does Jesus tell Nicodemus in 3:5-6?
 - a. No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.
 - b. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but spirit gives birth to spirit.
8. What is Jesus trying to say in 3:8?
 - a. That people filled with the Spirit are unpredictable and erratic.
 - b. That people who are born of the Spirit follow God and not a list of rules.
 - c. Being born of the Spirit happens by faith, not by the law. The law is much more predictable by human standards, but our human rules sometimes lose track of God.
9. Why does Jesus criticize Nicodemus in 3:10-15?
 - a. He is a teacher of the law and should understand living by faith, if nobody else did.
 - b. He was more focused on things of this world than on God, so he didn't understand what Jesus was talking about.
 - c. He noted a story found in Numbers 21 when Israel was called to trust in God in the midst of a dangerous and scary moment and all who chose to trust in God (and do something that didn't make sense and shouldn't have helped) were saved.
10. Does Jesus ever suggest that we are saved without action in this passage? Yes_____ No_____
Explain, then, how faith is described in these passages. _____

11. Do you live by faith? _____