

Serving by Reaching II

“People who are Seekers”

“If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”
African proverb.

John 3:1-13 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ² **The same came to Jesus by night**, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a **teacher come from God: for** no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. ³ Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** ⁴ Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵ Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸ The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? ¹¹ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? ¹³ And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Network means a fabric or structure of cords or wires that cross at regular intervals and are knotted or secured at the crossings. *Merriam-Webster*

How did Jesus reach people?

I

Jesus receives Nicodemus.

Nicodemus is meeting with Jesus, which is an unscheduled interruption.

Who is coming to you during this season?

Who is Jesus sending to you during this season?

What are the names of the friends, relatives, associates, neighbors, and kids in front of you and around you who need Jesus?

- Make a list and begin to pray for FRANK by name.

II

Jesus listens very closely to Nicodemus' questions.

Jesus was accurate with his answers.

KJV **James 1:19-20** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man **be swift to hear**, slow to speak, slow to wrath: ²⁰ For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

KJV **Proverbs 15:28** The heart of **the righteous studieth to answer:** but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

Nicodemus knew some things about Jesus; however, he did not know everything about Jesus. Vs 2

- Jesus was not only a man who came from God; he was God with us.

III

Jesus taught Nicodemus about the kingdom of God.

- The kingdom of God is a new community.
- The kingdom of God is the community as God imagined it.

Jesus taught Nicodemus about seeing the kingdom of God.

Jesus taught Nicodemus about entering into the kingdom of God.

Jesus taught Nicodemus about being born again. Vs 3&5

^{KJV} John 19:39 And there came also **Nicodemus**, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. ⁴⁰ Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

- People you reach out to today may help you tomorrow.
- People you serve today may be of service to you tomorrow.
- People you receive today may receive you in the future.

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9:30 a.m.