



# All Christians' Fellowship International

## INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

**TOPIC:** Wine & a Whip

**TEXT:** John 3:1-36

**Instructions** - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction:** I once talked to a junior in college who is only one month old. No, she isn't a child genius. Recently a friend explained to her the claims of Christ. As she responded in simple faith, she experienced the joys of spiritual birth. The most beautiful explanation of the new birth is found here in John 3. It's a passage that children can understand and one that the greatest saints of God have never fully grasped. It's a message not so much to be analyzed and dissected as it is to be received with joy.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the positive images associated with birth?
2. Read John 3:1-21. What is your impression of Nicodemus? - Why do you think he comes to see Jesus at night? - Why does he come to see Jesus at all?
3. Jesus' reply to Nicodemus (v. 3) seems to have nothing to do with Nicodemus's statement (v. 2). Why do you think Jesus brings up the subject of the new birth?
4. Why do you think Nicodemus responds to Jesus' explanation with such amazement (v. 9)?
5. Why is Jesus likewise amazed at Nicodemus' ignorance (vv. 10-12)?
6. How does the story of Moses lifting up the snake in the desert (vv. 14-15; see Num 21:4-9) illustrate our need and Christ's offer?
7. What impresses you about God's supreme act of love (vv. 16-17)?
8. How and why does our response to God's Son determine our destiny (vv. 18-21)?
9. This passage emphasizes the importance of our personal response to Jesus Christ. How would you describe your response?
10. Read John 3:22-36. In your opinion, what motivated John's disciples to raise the issue of Jesus' ministry?

11. How would you summarize John 's view of the character and ministry of Jesus?

12. How did John demonstrate by his attitude and actions that Jesus was superior to him?

13. What is one way you can demonstrate Christ's superiority in your life?