

Bible Study – Born Again

For Starters

- Have you ever experienced a fresh start or been given a second chance in life? What was it like?

Read Genesis 3:1-24

1. What aspect of being born into/under Adam is weighing on you most at the moment? I.e. The various levels of suffering caused by

- Child-bearing (Gen 3:16)
- Difficulty in work (Gen 3:17-19, 23)
- Relationship tension/conflict (Gen 3:16b, 4:5-8)
- Aging, sickness & death (Gen 3:19, 22)
- Being removed from God's direct presence (Gen 3:24)

2. How are these curses an expression of God's justice?

3. Can you see any evidence of God's mercy in Genesis 3?

- 3:15
- 3:20
- 3:21
- 4:1

We are born into and under this curse (sin, suffering, death). We need a new life and a new world!

Read John 3:1-18

4. Nicodemus had pedigree, status, knowledge, achievements, accolades, & acquisitions but they weren't enough. He needed to be born again (Jn3:3). Why? What does this mean?

5. How do we gain this new life?

- Read John 3:14-15
- Read Numbers 21:4-9
- What is Jesus saying?

But Jesus death alone is not enough to bring about this new life ...

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5

7. When we believe in Jesus what are we born into?

8. On what basis is this hope living and sure?

9. Are you born again? If so, what difference should this new birth make to the way you live now? Where do you most need to live differently because your future is no longer defined by Adam's attitude & curse , but by Christ's resurrection and your coming inheritance?

Pray together

- Pray for the 17 people who are doing the '321' introduction to Christianity course each Sunday at 5pm. Very exciting!