

VISION

2020

LESSON 3 // SEE GOD'S KINGDOM

Big Idea: To have clear spiritual vision, we need to be transformed—changed in our thinking so that our vision is focused on the right things. This involves a change in the culture we choose to be part of.

The culture you choose determines the decisions you make. It impacts your perception, beliefs and values, as well as your actions and attitudes. There are two cultural choices: the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. To transfer from darkness to light, you need to experience a new birth and a renewed mind. This is how God enables you to see His Kingdom, and when you see God's Kingdom, you begin living in the light.

John 3:1-8 (NLT) *There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. ² After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.” ³ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.” ⁴ “What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?” ⁵ Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. ⁷ So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”*

Discussion Questions:

This weekend we learned that the culture we choose determines the decisions we make. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

Think about the roles and responsibilities God has given you. What specific things can you focus on this year to gain better spiritual vision?

Read Romans 12:2. What cultures (work, home, relationships, etc.) have influence over your vision?

Based on your beliefs, what values do you want to establish and follow this year?

Read Ephesians 4:21-24. Think about your perceptions, actions, and attitudes. What way of thinking do you need to renew this year, as you pursue the kingdom of light?

Prayer Focus:

Lord, help us to see you clearly and fix our eyes on you. Give us vision and wisdom to purposefully build your kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.