

CRISIS OF FAITH STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 6: I'M A GOOD PERSON. WHY DO I NEED TO BE SAVED?

Primary Passage: John 3:1-21

Related Passages: 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Galatians 3:28

"I'm a good person... But I'm never as good as I want to be, never as nice as I want to be, never as generous as I want to be."

- David Tennant

"One of my favorite things about following Jesus is I get to drop the act, admit I'm not good enough, walk in freedom - and that's good news."

- Jefferson Bethke

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read John 3:1 & Philippians 3:4-7. Like Paul's list in Philippians, Nicodemus likely "built his resume" on his heritage, morality and cultural standing. Where do you see religious people doing this in our culture?

- Outside of a religious context, what does our culture tend to demand we put on our "I'm a good person" resumes? What are the biggest resume boosters in our culture?

Read John 3:2-15. Why does Jesus call Nicodemus to something that he can't do on his own?

- How is being born again (looking to Jesus lifted up on the pole in our place) fundamentally different from the idea, "What's really important is that we should all just be good, moral people"?

Read John 3:18-21 and 1 John 1:5-10. How does the gospel free us up to walk in the light with no need to highlight our good works and try to downplay our failures?

- What are you most tempted to put on your resume?
- Who do you find yourself comparing yourself to so you can feel better about yourself?
- What kind of people are you most likely to mock or look down on in judgment?

Pray for us to repent of our self-righteousness and walk in the light. Spend some time confessing as a group and asking Jesus to renew our minds and hearts in His grace.