

Hillcrest Small Group Questions – 10-16-2016

HOOK (Ice breaker): What are some personality traits, attributes or accomplishments you tend to lean into for your sense of identity?

BOOK: Read John 3:1-21

- 1) Describe Nicodemus.
- 2) Why do you think he might have come to Jesus at night?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus launched into a conversation about being born again?
- 4) How does Jesus' teaching on the Spirit from vs. 5-8 tie into being born again?
- 5) How do you think a person like Nicodemus, whose identity was based so strongly on obedience to God's law, interpreted Jesus' message on believing and not believing?

LOOK:

- 1) How can simply believing in Jesus form the core of our identity?
- 2) How does loving the darkness and a refusal to give up one's "evil deeds" form (or deform) identity?

TOOK:

- 1) What parts of your identity are rooted outside the kingdom? What would it look like to bring them into the light?
- 2) What can you do to build your identity more "in Christ" and less "in yourself"?
- 3) How can we as a group encourage each other to find our identity "In Christ"?