

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Covenant Group Discussion**

Look - Book - Took
February 22, 2008

Based on Lessons for the 2nd Sunday in Lent
Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-4a The Call of Abram
Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Abraham justified by Faith
Gospel: John 3:1-17 Nicodemus visits Jesus at Night

Look

Father Bruce told us that Nicodemus is a perfect model for faith and courage. He knew that seeking Jesus could put him in a bad position with the power structure of his day. However, he overcame his anxiety because he wanted to better understand Jesus' teaching and how Jewish law and these teachings could work together.

1. Where do you seek Jesus?
2. Father Bruce said that we learned everything we need to know about God in Sunday School. What did you learn about God as a child in Sunday School or from someone else?
3. What challenges have you experienced to your faith?

Book

We are told in this gospel that Nicodemus was a leader of the Jews who chose to seek Jesus at night. He was a Pharisee, a strict adherent of Jewish law, a member of the Sanhedrin, and a person of wealth. Yet he felt drawn to Jesus and was intrigued by His teachings.

1. Why do you think the Nicodemus chose to seek God in the night?
2. What does Jesus mean when he says that no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again?

Took

Father Bruce reminded us that God loves us, cares for us, and wants to forgive us. Our challenge is to trust in him and have faith.

1. God loves, cares, and forgives us. What verbs can you use to describe how you can live out the gospel?
2. What can you do to let go of your fears and anxieties, and like Nicodemus, and trust in Jesus?
3. What can you do to be part of your rebirth?