

House Group Questions - John 3:1-21

24 May 2026

FALLING IN LOVE WITH JESUS THE CHALLENGER: NICODEMUS.

Preacher: Chris Friend

1. **“Jesus the Challenger”**

The sermon contrasts the “Generous Jesus” with the “Challenging Jesus.” Which side of Jesus do you personally find easier to embrace, and why? Is there an area of your life where you sense Jesus lovingly challenging you right now?

2. **“Coming Out of the Night”**

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night, symbolising fear, uncertainty, and hidden faith. Have you ever experienced a season where your faith felt “in the dark” or held at a safe distance? What helped — or could help — you step more fully into the light?

3. **“Born Again: Transformation, Not Self-Improvement”**

Jesus tells Nicodemus that faith is not about polishing the old self but receiving new life through the Spirit. In practical terms, what’s the difference between “trying harder to be good” and allowing God to transform us from the inside out?

4. **“The Wind of the Spirit”**

The sermon ends with the image of Pentecost wind bringing courage, disruption, repentance, and new life. Where do you think the Holy Spirit may be wanting to bring fresh movement, courage, or change — personally or within Alnwick Baptist Church?