Think Ahead **No More Fake News**

Key Scriptures

Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. ... 1 Corinthians 13:12 NLT

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 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." Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." John 3:1-5 NLT

"How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked. John 3:9 NLT

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 NLT

Then Nicodemus, the leader who had met with Jesus earlier, spoke up. "Is it legal to convict a man before he is given a hearing?" he asked. They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Search the Scriptures and see for yourself—no prophet ever comes from Galilee!" John 7:50-52 NLT

Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces. Proverbs 13:20 MSG

With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. John 19:39 NLT

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

TALK IT OVER

• If you were to write a headline about your life from this past week, what would it say?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **John 8:32**. What is the "truth" that this verse is talking about? What are some ways you could seek this truth more intentionally?
- What kind of person do you want to be one year from now? How do you need to change the way you view yourself in order to be that person?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about some of your closest friends. How are these individuals influencing your walk with Jesus?
- Money, fame, and popularity are common things people chase after. Share some things in your life that you are tempted to follow that distract you from God. What steps can you take to ensure Jesus is at the center of your life?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for Jesus, who is the Truth. Help us let go of distractions and focus our hearts on You. We want to experience the freedom that only You can give, believing that You will set us free from anything that holds us back. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Spend time creating personal declarations based on the truth of God's Word, and share them with your LifeGroup: <u>finds.life.church/words</u>
- Start the *Think Ahead* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: <u>www.go2.lc/thinkaheadplan</u>
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.