

## LESSON 3 – John 3:3-5

### “Necessity of New Birth”

1. In John 3:5, some have viewed the “water” in Jesus’ teaching to refer to something other than Christian baptism. What are the two major alternatives? Why are they not the best understanding of the verse?
2. Why would it have been natural for Nicodemus to understand Jesus’ reference to “water” in John 3:5 as referring to “water baptism”?
3. Discuss what Jesus meant when he spoke of “the kingdom of God” in John 3:5.
4. Today, there is much discussion and use of the phrase “born again.” What does it mean to be born again?
5. How does Jesus’ teaching John 3:3-5 help us understand the relation between baptism and salvation?