

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of September 18, 2022

## What is New Birth?

- Every service at WEPC begins with a *Call to Worship*, this week from <u>Psalm 30:1-5</u>. This Psalm tells us that as we worship, the Lord calls to mind the ways He has rescued, restored, healed, and helped us by His grace. What help do you need that only God can provide? Ask Him for help.
- This past Sunday, we commissioned a new church plant, <u>New</u> <u>Creation Presbyterian Church in Chester VA</u>. Just as this new congregation will be birthed this Fall, so we pray that there would be many who find new life in Jesus across Metro Richmond. Would you pray for the Holy Spirit to do this same life-giving work in our church and community?
- We witnessed the presentation of new members presented, <u>In</u> <u>their vows</u>, they agreed that Jesus Christ is "the Son of God and only Savior of sinners", and that we "receive and depend upon Him alone for salvation". What does that membership vow teach us about how we are "born again"?
- This week, we heard from <u>Tressa Camidge</u> who shared how Jesus met her, just as He met with Nicodemus. Tressa told us she used to suspect that God wanted something from her, but He opened her eyes to see that, instead, Jesus offered salvation as a gift. Do you believe the heart of following Jesus is doing things for God, or trusting in what He has done for you? Why?
- In every worship service, we sing songs to God that help us better understand the sermon. This week, we sang "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder." <u>Listen</u> to the song or <u>read the lyrics</u>. This hymn lists many things Jesus has done for us. Which ministry of Jesus described leads you to love Him, sing to Him, and wonder at His grace? Why?

- This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from <u>John 3:1-10</u>.
  After hearing this week's sermon, how would you define "new birth"? How, exactly, is someone "born again" (v.3)?
- Pray that hearts at WEPC will be made new. Do you need to become a Christian? To be renewed as a follower of Jesus? To change, believe, or to repent? Hint: The answer is "Yes", and you can ask Jesus to meet with you right now!

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