SMALL GROUP

LESSON 6.1: IDENTITY REBORN

STUDENTS STUDIED:

- » John 3:1–21
- » John 4:1–45
- » Mark 10:46–52
- » Luke 8:40-56

ADDITIONAL READING:

- » John 1:12–13
- » Hebrews 11:6
- » 1 John 5:4, 11–13

STUDENTS MEMORIZED AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

- » Hebrews 11:6*
- » John 1:12
- » John 4:24

Students Learned the Following Definitions:

REGENERATION: a theological term that expresses what happens when a person comes to faith in Christ and is born again. The Holy Spirit removes our sinful heart of stone and replaces it with a heart of flesh, tender to the things of the Lord and malleable according to His will (Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 5:17).⁴

WORSHIP: God desires those who will worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:23–24). This kind of devotion requires surrendering one's life, accepting Jesus as the only way of salvation and acknowledging God now dwells in us. It is a life of worship, expressed by joy, which comes from Christ at all times and in all places.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
Students learned from Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus.	Students observed Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well.	Students considered the physical healing of blind Bartimaeus.	Students read the accounts of Jairus' daughter and the woman with the issue of blood.
They discovered what it means to be "born again," and how light and darkness play a significant role in a person's spiritual journey.	They learned about Christ's living water and the call to worship God in spirit and truth.	They discovered the Savior can use physical and emotional needs to heal spiritual needs, bringing us from darkness into light.	They discovered Jesus not only calls people out of spiritual darkness but miraculously changes their lives forever.

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IDENTITY INSIGHT:

The Light of Christ reveals my sin. When I submit to Him, I can overcome any obstacle that would distort my identity or steal my freedom to live the abundant life He has planned for me.

Students circled which verse they chose to memorize.

HEBREWS 11:6*

JOHN 1:12

JOHN 4:24

DISCUSSION

SHARE

Tell students about your salvation experience. Share who told you about Jesus and how your life changed when you trusted Him as your Savior.

ASK

People, like the woman at the well and blind Bartimaeus, were changed after encountering Jesus. Even just meeting Him had an impact on their lives. Invite students to share how they came to faith in Christ. Ask them what their life was like before Jesus and how it has changed since encountering Him.

ACT

TEACHING NOTES.

Explain the Gospel to students using simple concepts and Scriptures. Remind them God is loving and holy (John 3:16; Revelation 4:8b) and that our sin separates us from Him (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Because of God's great love for us (John 3:16), Christ died for our sins (Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4). Explain that if we believe and trust in Christ we can be reconciled to God (Acts 16:31) and become His son or daughter (John 1:12). Ask if anyone would like to confess faith in Jesus today.

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