

Outline – August 21, 2022
John 3:1-7, 2 Corinthians 5:17
Philippians 1:21-26
Does God Matter? Part 3
The God Who Changes Us, Gives Purpose And
Brings Attachment To Our Lives

It Seems As If The World Is Falling Apart

- I. **When one is out of touch with God**
 - A. Life has a plethora of questions
 - B. Life has little purpose
 - C. Life seems overwhelming
 - D. Key examples
 - 1. Nicodemus
 - 2. Saul of Tarsus
 - 3. Woman at the well
- II. **The God, the Savior who changes you**
 - A. Nicodemus: Member of Sanhedrin
 - 1. Knew he was out of touch
 - 2. There had to be more
 - 3. What was the answer to his emptiness?
 - 4. Wanted to understand miracles
 - 5. To understand them, he had to be one
 - B. What Nicodemus discovered
 - 1. There was an emptiness in his soul
 - 2. He wanted more than existence
 - 3. The eternal life of God would give him new birth
 - C. The effect upon his life would be a new character
 - 1. Love for Jesus
 - 2. Love for people
 - 3. Desire for what is right
 - 4. Desire for serving
 - 5. Spirit of grace
 - 6. Spirit of hope
 - 7. Obedience to the word
 - D. New birth experienced once
 - E. It is a certain event
- III. **After the new birth**
 - A. Challenges
 - 1. What is the next step?
 - 2. What must I be aware of?

3. How should I respond?
4. Who do I listen to?
5. Where do I go?
6. When do I start or stop?
7. Why do I do what I do?

- B. A charge to serve
- C. You become an agent of change
- D. You become a champion for the Savior

IV. In Jesus you discover your purpose

- A. You don't determine your purpose, you discover it
- B. You have been made by God for God
- C. How do you discover your purpose?
 1. What are you passionate about?
 2. Are you feeling unfulfilled?
 3. What relationships have shaped you?
 4. What past experiences have spoken into your life?
 5. Am I willing to be obedient to God's word?
 6. Is your spiritual gift starting to emerge?
 - a) Leading
 - b) Teaching
 - c) Evangelism
 - d) Serving
 7. Are others encouraging you to pursue certain areas?
 - a) Teaching
 - b) Helping
 - c) Administration

V. Attachment to God

- A. Connecting to God is why we are here
 1. Worship
 2. Prayer
 3. Alone time
 4. Witness
 5. Serving
 6. Inviting
 7. Teaching
- B. It is what fills the void, giving purpose

VI. Reason to believe

- A. He changes lives
- B. He gives purpose
- C. He brings meaning

And It Lasts Forever