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## ..... the conversation. John 3:1-2a "...at night" Be sensitive. Be respectful. But be clear and personal. ..... the conversation. John 3:2-3 . . . . . the conversation. Talk about something worthwhile. Introduce a spiritual topic. "Did you know you can't go to Heaven unless..." ..... the conversation. John 3:3-4 Expect objections: That doesn't make sense / That's just your opinion / I don't believe that stuff / I'm not into religion / I'm... v2. What Jesus said **before** the wall went up. v4. What Jesus said **after** the wall went up. Good listening is . . . . . silence. Good listening is . . . . . . . listening. Active listening: You . . . . . . . have to know everything. Witness: . . . . . . what you do know. Begin with, "Jesus said..." or "The Bible says..." ..... John 3:7-11 Faith is . . . . . . . . . v7 Don't take 'No' for an answer, v9 Encourage, v10. Challenge, v11 eg. "You're smart enough to 'get this'." ..... the conversation. John 3:12ff It's mostly about . . . . . . . . . Honour Him. Be . . . . . God is love. God is good. Romans 8:29-30. You will be My witnesses, Acts 1:8

Hijack your own conversation, John 3.

## My prayer priorities, 16 September 2018

## Thought starters for personal reflection, or group discussion

- 1. What are some differences between being a 'good talker' and being a 'good conversationalist'?
- 2. In your own words, restate what Nicodemus said in v4 and v9.
- 3. In response to Nicodemus' objection in v4, how did Jesus change His approach? Note the difference between Jesus' words in v3 to v5-7.
- 4. Jesus used an illustration of saved by faith that Nicodemus would understand in v14 (Moses, Numbers 21). What is a current-day example of using faith in a non-religious setting?
- 5. Jesus explained the big picture in v16. How does God's love, Jesus' death, and my salvation, go together?
- 6. We have good new and bad news in v18. Restate the news headlines in your own words. What is the significance of "already"?
- 7. Why do you think Jesus introduced a spiritual topic in the non-spiritual conversation?

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