

# Lent

at MIDCITY CHURCH

Finding The Assurance of God's Forgiveness



## I. CHECK-IN

- Check-in with each other. How is life? What is happening?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: *Share about how your trust of God has grown as you spent time reading scripture and praying when you felt tempted this week.*



## II. SCRIPTURE

**John 3:1-2:** There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."



## III. DISCUSSION

- What stands out to you from the scripture above?
- Nicodemus first comes to Jesus at night because he doesn't want to be seen by others. Can you relate to him in any way?
- By speaking up against his fellow Pharisees, Nicodemus is demonstrating that his faith is deepening. As you look at your faith journey, have you noticed any growth? Share that experience with your group.
- The third time Nicodemus appears is when he takes Jesus' lifeless body, prepares it for burial, and takes him to the tomb. This is a very public act demonstrating that his faith has grown even more. Have you ever experienced a moment when you very publically felt comfortable sharing about your faith with others? What was that like?
- Pastor Fernie mentions that it's okay for our faith to not be very mature or deep but that we have to put ourselves in a position to help it grow. What are some things you can do (on your own and with others) to help you grow in your faith?

## IV. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

## V. CHALLENGE

Spend some time in prayer and reading scripture this week and notice if it is helping you to better face temptation. Be prepared to share about how your trust of God has grown when we meet next week.

