



Week 2 | Believe | January 14

Opening Up:

- Imagine living in Hawaii during the ballistic missile false alarm. The phone alert went out to every phone reading, "BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL."
 - How do you think you would respond? (i.e., What would you say, do, or feel?)
 - What kind of person do you hope to be in the moment of an immediate crisis?
 - How would your faith inform your response?

Reference: John 3:1-18

Discuss:

1. Nicodemus had to learn that Salvation was through grace alone. You cannot be saved by your good works. However, we all try "save" ourselves through certain things. What is it that you sometimes look to for your significance rather than looking to Jesus?
2. In John 3:8 we discover that being born again (John 3:3) is a work of the Spirit and that the Spirit is not under our control. If we long for rebirth, we can pray for God to move.
 1. How would you describe what it means to be born again?
 2. If you have been born again, what's new and better about your reborn self?
 3. How was prayer a part of your rebirth?
 4. Who do you want to be reborn, and how can the group pray about that?
3. In John 3:17 we see that Jesus takes away the fear of condemnation. How has the grace of God experienced through Jesus freed you from the fear of condemnation?
4. How has God's love for you (John 3:16) shaped your love for others?
5. It's our job to share the gospel (Romans 10:17). Salvation is God's job (John 3:8). God does his job (salvation) through us doing our job (proclamation).
 1. Why is it hard share the gospel?
 2. Tell a story of when you have tried to share the gospel?
 3. Has anyone accepted the gospel though your sharing the gospel?
 4. What is one step you could take that would open the door for you sharing the gospel with someone? Who is it? How can we start praying for this?
6. Pray