

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Sunday, December 20th

Thank you to all of those who participated in the community group potluck last Sunday. It was a great time of fellowship!

### A Note from GBC Leadership:

At Grace Bible Church, our purpose statement is “To Glorify God by Being and Making Disciples.” We see Community Groups as one of our primary discipleship mechanisms in our local Body of Christ. Thank you for investing in others by participating in a Community Group! We hope that you will continue to pursue discipleship through community groups during the next session.

Matthew 28:19-20

### Next Session:

Winter Session will run for 10 weeks and begins Monday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Fall Session Wrap-up:

During the Fall Session of community groups we had 26 adult groups meeting at various places in the valley everywhere from South 19<sup>th</sup> to Manhattan on various nights of the week.

### Prayer Requests:

Please join with us in praying for the following items:

- We are praying that the Lord would provide five more leaders for the Winter Session so that five more groups could be formed.
- We are asking God for childcare solutions. We want everyone in our body to be able to experience the benefit of being in weekly fellowship with other believers. During the Fall Session it was difficult for parents with small children to commit.
- We are praying that God would continue to produce a hunger for spiritual growth and discipleship in our Body.

### Want to get involved?

Look for the orange sign-up sheets in the bulletin after Christmas. Or email us at [communitygroups@gbcmt.org](mailto:communitygroups@gbcmt.org).

## CHRISTMAS IN JOHN'S GOSPEL

### John 3:1-16

Christmas, 2015

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: “**Christmas in John’s Gospel.**” All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Matthew tells the announcement of the birth of Jesus from whose point of view?
2. To see the announcement of the birth of Jesus from Mary’s point of view, you’d go to what gospel?
3. Matthew and John tell a great deal of Christ’s birth historically, but John tells a great deal about it in what sense?
4. What is possibly the most monumental verse in all the Bible?
5. John begins his gospel in what?
6. John begins in eternity past to show that Jesus is the what?
7. Where does John mention the incarnation?
8. What passage is the Christmas passage in John’s Gospel?
9. John 3:1-16 is Jesus’ first discourse on what subject in John’s Gospel?

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10. John 3:1-16 deals with one of the most basic issues of the Bible and that is the subject of the what?
11. Jesus tells you in verse 7 that you must be what?
12. Nicodemus was a what?
  - a. P \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. R \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. An Important T \_\_\_\_\_
13. If you lived at the time of Christ and made a pledge to spend your entire life observing every detail of the scribal law, you would be what?
14. The scribes took a simple commandment of God (“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy”) and expanded it to how long?
15. The title Pharisee means what?
16. What group had religious jurisdiction over every Jew in the world?
17. Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus at night?
18. Jesus told Nicodemus that he would never see the kingdom unless what happened?
19. What does it mean to be born again?
20. Did Nicodemus understand what Jesus meant?
21. When it comes to accepting the gospel today, the problem with many is not a lack of understanding, but a lack of what?
22. What kind of people are often the hardest to get through to when it comes to the issue of salvation?
23. Does verse 5 have anything to do with baptism?
24. When Jesus spoke these words (v.5) to Nicodemus – what passage should have exploded in his mind?
25. The sprinkling of water is a reference to what?
26. What New Testament passages gives the same kind of thought as that in Ezekiel 36?
27. When the Spirit of God gives new life, that man will be what?
28. Because of Nicodemus’ reluctance to give in, Jesus gives him a what?
29. Who is the only authoritative source on heavenly truth?
30. The illustration Jesus used in verses 14-15 is an allusion to an event in what passage of Scripture?
31. Jesus used the story of the bronze serpent raised up on a pole to illustrate what?
32. Religion is man trying to do what?
33. Who took the initiative in true, biblical salvation?
34. The Greatest Christmas gift ever given was what?
35. Have you truly received that gift?