East Side Baptist Church

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John 3:1-2

How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus

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| | The gospel of Jesus transforms lives. | | aı | nd |
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Personal observations from the message.

- 1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
- 2. What was something you didn't know or were reminded of?
- 3. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
- 4. What is a question you have?
- 5. What is an action step you will take?

Discussion questions from the message.

- 1. Who are the people God used to teach you the gospel and bring you to faith in Christ? What did they do that was significant to you?
 - How are you working to engage others with gospel?
- 2. "Evangelism is teaching the gospel with an aim to persuade others to know, love, and live for Jesus." What does this definition describe as our primary task? If you had just a few minutes to teach someone the gospel, what would you say? The goal of evangelism is that people will know (John 17:3), love (14:23), and live (14:15) for Jesus. Why is it important that we understand that the gospel is more than simply calling people to a decision?
- 3. Read John 3:1-8. What did Nicodemus understand about Jesus? What led him to this conclusion? What does Nicodemus' response to "you must be born again" reveal about his spiritual condition? (see 1 Cor. 2:14) What does the comparison of the Spirit's work with the wind teach us? How does this relate to John 1:12-13?
- 4. Read John 3:9-18. Read the account of the serpent on a pole from Numbers 21:4-9. What did the people who were bitten by the snake face? What were they required to do in order to live? How does this demonstrate trust or faith? What parallels does this have with our spiritual condition, our need, and what is required to live? (John 3:15-16). What does it mean to believe (compare with James 2:19 and its context)? Why didn't Jesus come to condemn us? What condemns us? What are the implications of this when it comes to sharing the gospel with others?
- 5. Read John 2:19-21. What is the light that has come into the world (see John 1:1-13). Why do we reject the light? What must happen for us to come into the light? How do we persuade others to love the light?