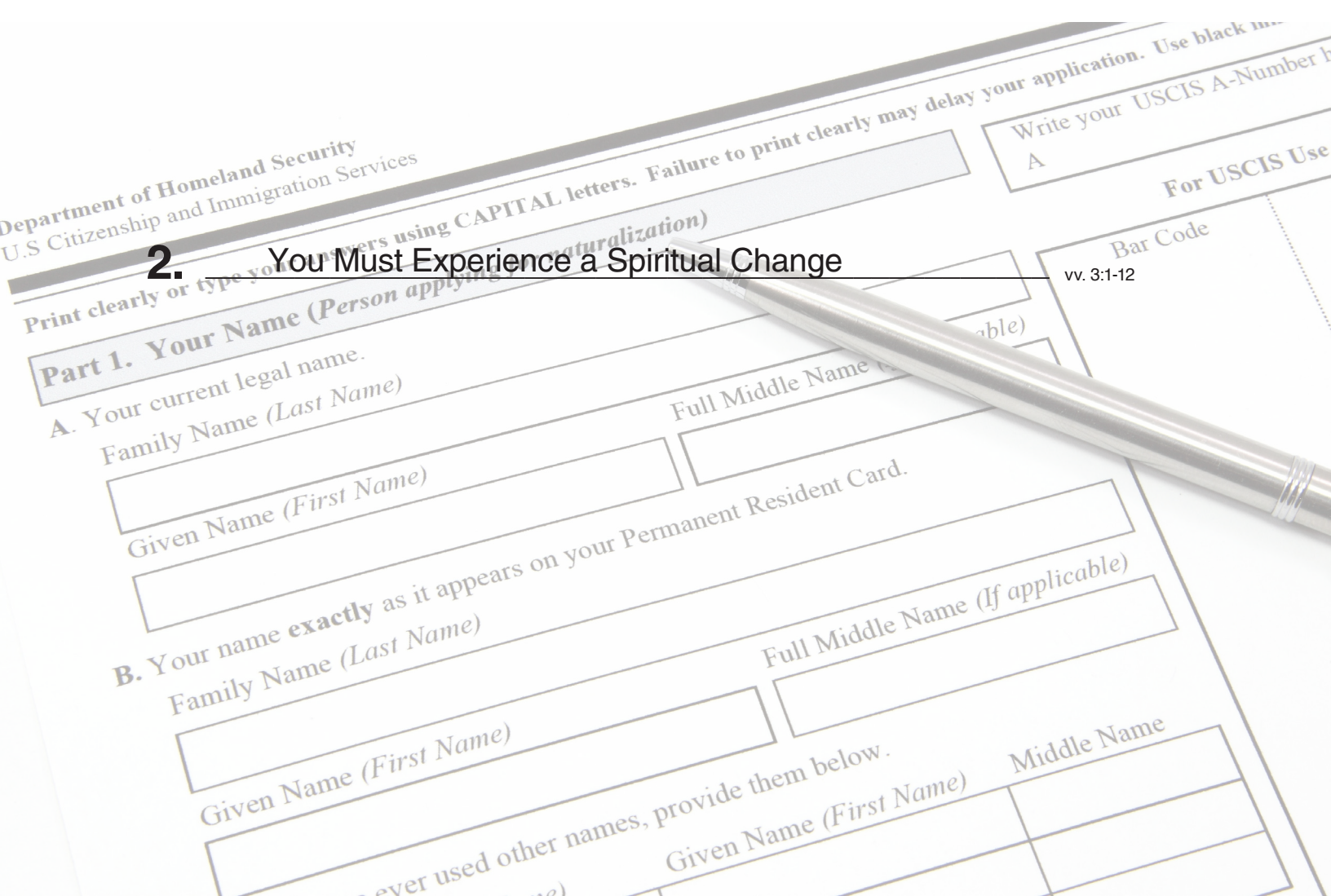


# Citizenship

“ How to Prove if You're Really a Christian ”

## 1. Recognize It's More than Talk vv. 2:23-25

## 2. You Must Experience a Spiritual Change vv. 3:1-12



# Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life.

**PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

## HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/) or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

### Point #1

- Read John 2:23-25. Explain why Jesus didn't believe those who were claiming to believe in Him. Be specific.
- What does this highlight about knowing yourself and saving faith? How does Point #1 relate?
- How can this happen in churches today? Give an example. How does Point #1 help you double-check your faith?

### Point #2

- Read John 3:1-12. Explain what it means to be "born again"? Why is this required in order to become a Christian?
- How does this relate to Point #2? How can this get overlooked when it comes to measuring true faith? Give an example.
- How does Pt #2 challenge or encourage you? How can Gal. 5:16-26 help? Why is this process important to work through?

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## Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at [pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read John 2:23-25, Matthew 21:13-14, 15:1-9, 7:21-23, Jeremiah 17:9-10**

- What "signs" did Jesus provide while cleansing the temple? How did the crowd respond? How did Jesus respond?
- Why? In what way can this same thing happen today? Give an example. Why is this important to recognize?
- What does this highlight about truly knowing yourself and saving faith? How does this warning help you?

### **TUESDAY // Read John 2:23-25, Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23**

- Why did Jesus not believe those who considered themselves to be believers? (i.e., talk vs heart)
- In what way does the Parable of the Sower illustrate the same truth? How have you seen this take place?
- Take some time to reflect on your own faith asking God for clarity. Journal what He reveals to you.

### **WEDNESDAY // Read John 3:1-5, 9-12, Exodus 19:3-6, Romans 9:4-5**

- What does it mean that Nicodemus was a "Pharisee" and also a "ruler of the Jews"? (i.e., His religious background)
- Why is this important when it comes to understanding Nicodemus' Old Testament perspective? (i.e., born a Jew)
- Why would humility need to be part of Nicodemus ever becoming a believer? How does this relate to non-believers today?

### **THURSDAY // Read John 3:1-8, Ephesians 2:1-5**

- Given the religious background of Nicodemus, why was it necessary for him to be spiritually born again?
- What does this highlight about Nicodemus' approach to following God? How does the truth of Eph. 2:1-5 apply?
- How do you see the same approach happening today? (i.e., being good, legalism, etc.) How does this help you?

### **FRIDAY // Read John 3:1-8, Ephesians 1:13-14, 2 Corinthians, 5:17-18, Titus 3:4-6**

- Explain what takes place when someone is "born again" by the Spirit of God. Why will it always be a life-changer?
- In what way does this prove someone is truly a Christian? What does this also highlight about doubting your Christianity?
- How does this truth encourage or challenge you? Be specific. What steps is God prompting you to take?

### **SATURDAY // Read John 3:1-12, Galatians 5:16-26, 2 Corinthians 13:5**

- Given Jesus made it very clear to a religious leader (Nicodemus) what is required to go to heaven, how does this help you?
- Why is it important to double-check your Christianity? What can happen if you don't? What can happen if you do?
- Using Galatians 5:16-26 to help you double-check your faith, how do you check out today? Be specific.

**MEDITATION VERSE:** <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."  
John 3:3