

QUEST – 52 – Week 12
Who Are Social Influencers for Jesus? Part I

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KEY POINTS:

- Nicodemus, despite all his credentials, failed to follow Jesus.
- Jesus demands that we all be born again, humbling ourselves and putting in our faith in him.
- Trying to be a disciple secretly doesn't work in relation to Jesus. His sacrifice demands our allegiance.

QUESTIONS:

Before reading the essay, had you ever thought that some people had a higher standing with God because of a title, a career in ministry, or some other public recognition?

Read 1 Samuel 10:9 – 27 and 13:1 -15. What lessons do you glean from the life of Saul that are similar to what you learned from the life of Nicodemus?

Meditate on Acts 10:34, Romans 2:11, James 2:1-7. Who are God's favorites?

- When you think of the term religious person, who comes to mind? Can you either describe a specific person or list the characteristics of such a person?
- What does it mean to be born again? We're asking about the personal experience, not the theological definition.
- What keeps people in general or you specifically from being born again?
- In what areas of your life have you tried to be a secret disciple? Have you ever been embarrassed by your faith or afraid to share it openly?