

Surpassing Jesus: The Gift That Embraces the Whole World...

John 3:1-21

- i. Have you ever had a “Why didn’t I think of that sooner moment?”
- ii. It happens all of the time with the mundane and very important.

Every person can receive the gift that embraces the whole world by following these 3 ~~simple~~ steps...

- I. **STEP ONE: Break Open All exclusive “isms”**
 - A. Nick was curious and present.
 - B. A metaphor of being born again that communicates we hold loosely everything we think we know regarding institutionalism and faith.
 - C. Always keep an open posture.
 - D. Jesus seeks people out-Luke 19:10

- II. **STEP TWO: Return Home**
 - A. The realm of God breaks open.
 - B. Nothing and no one is beyond reconciliation.
 - C. Jesus saves and restores.
 - D. A clip from the movie Blood Diamond

- III. **STEP THREE: Light repeats steps 1 and 2.**
 - A. Light is the beginning of the end of darkness.
 - B. Continual reform by repeating steps one and two continually.
 - C. Jesus Heals schisms and isms:
 - 1. Racism
 - 2. Nationalism

CALL TO REMEMBER: We re – enact this monthly here at the Lord’s Table.