

WAR DEPARTMENT
BASIC TRAINING
The Alert Soldier
SALVATION

“Salvation is free for you because someone else paid”

WARM UP

As John Wesley rode across Hounslow Heath late one night, he was stopped and a man demanded, “Your money or your life”, to which Wesley emptied his pockets and saddle bags of a few coins and books. As the robber walked away with his meagre offering, Wesley shouted, “Stop, I have something more to give you”. “My friend”, he said, “You may regret the sort of life you live so remember that the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanseth us from all sin.” The robber hurried away. Years later at the close of a Sunday evening service a stranger stepped forward to speak to an elderly Wesley. It was the robber from Hounslow. Now he was a well respected tradesman. He said to Wesley, “To you, dear Sir, I owe it all”. Wesley replied softly, “Nay, nay, my friend, not to me, but to the precious blood of Christ which cleanseth us from all sin”.

BACKGROUND

Jesus revealed to Nicodemus that the kingdom would come to the whole world not just the Jews and that they could not be a part of it unless they were born again. To enter this Kingdom we need repentance and spiritual rebirth.



READ

John 3:12



QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. Jesus says we must be born again. What does this mean in real terms?
2. We are in an epic battle. What are some of the consequences of sin in the world around us?

CONSIDER THIS

A New Zealand prison has been running the Alpha course. Of all the prisoners who have been through the course only one is known to have re-offended. In England 138 out of 165 prisons are now running the Alpha course. When a person’s heart is changed by Jesus they are more likely to live a holy life.

3. What changes occurred in your own life when you accepted Jesus?

4. What are some of the challenges you have faced in living out a life with Jesus?



WRAP-UP Share about some of the exciting events you have been at where you have seen lives changed.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

Think and pray about men you know whose lives need to be changed by the Lord.

Invite the men you have thought about to some Christian event that could help them become a new man in God.