

# Recap



- Jesus in conversation with Nicodemus
- Nicodemus – Pharisee, member of Sanhedrin
- ‘No one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are born again.’

# The Bronze Snake

**Numbers 21.4-9:** They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

# Desire and Motivation of God

## ■ Desire- salvation of the world

- **1 Timothy 2.4:** God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth

## ■ Motivation- love

- **Romans 5.8:** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# The Light Comes into the World

**1John 1.9-12:** The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God



# God's Provision for Healing



# Responding to the Love of God

## ■ Initial response- to be born again

- **Ephesians 2.3-5:** Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

## ■ Ongoing response- live a life worthy of the calling we received

- **Ephesians 3.17-19:** And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.