Bridges COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Date: October 11, 2026 **Message:** Get a Life!

Series: Miracles **Scripture:** John 3:1-8, 13-15

1. Introduction

2. Be yourself!

3. Be yourself doesn't work

4. We need a new self instead of finding ourselves

5. Why you need a new self

6. What is the new self?

7. Source of the new self

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

John 3:1-8, 13-15

1. Define what our culture means when they say that you should be "authentic". Try to give some examples.

2. Being as lighthearted or serious as you want, comment on some circumstances or activities or times in your life where you have been most authentically you.

3. Comment on the virtues and the shortcomings of our culture's emphasis on authenticity.

4. For context around our passage in John 3, read John 2:23-25. What does Jesus know about men? Cf. John 1:5, 10-11.

5. How does Nicodemus show respect for Jesus and how he approaches him in John 3:1-2?

6. How does one anticipate or predict where and who the Spirit will make born again in John 3:7-8?

7. Finally, consider that this passage of John 3:1-15 comes before John 3:16, one of the most famous passages of the entire Bible. How does Jesus's emphasis on being born again shape and inform John 3:16?