

Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, October 4th Message

<p style="text-align: center;">Believer's Baptism <i>Celebrating Life in Christ</i></p>
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1. What does it mean that baptism is an identifying work?
Leader's note: Baptism identifies a believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It also symbolizes outwardly that there has been an inward change with the believer.
2. Why is it important to understand that baptism is meant to be by immersion?
Leader's note: Immersion is the only way it is understood Biblically and the symbolism of baptism points to immersion
3. What two items point to baptism as an act of obedience? Read these verses:
Matthew 3:13-17
Matthew 28:19
4. Have you repented of your sin and put your faith into Jesus Christ for your salvation? Have you been baptized by immersion since making that decision? Why or why not?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:20-21. An initial reading may look like baptism is an act that saves you. What is Peter really saying in these verses?
Leader's note: Peter is insinuating that baptism points to the fact that someone has already been forgiven and understands that. Thus, he says in verse 21, "as an appeal to God for a good conscience." The only way to have a clear conscience is to have already received forgiveness.
6. What are the dangers of infant baptism?
7. Some denominations believe that baptism is a work that is needed to earn salvation. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and discuss why that idea must be wrong.
8. If you have time, read Galatians 5:1-12 as a group. Replace the words "circumcision" with "baptism" as you read. What is Paul really addressing in regard to works and salvation?