



Small Group LEADER Sermon Guide

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Why Get Wet? | Romans 6:3 – 4

Why baptism?

- It is an act of obedience to the command of Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- It acts as a symbol by identifying with the passion of Christ. (Romans 6:3-4)
- It allows believers to profess their faith in Christ.

Who should be baptized?

- It is for all believers, but for believers only. (Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12)

When should we get baptized?

- Baptism should occur after a person decides to follow Christ.

GETTING TO KNOW ME

Instructions: The purpose of these questions is to generate responses that are self-revealing and informative. Feel free to ask all of these questions to your group or simply choose the one that best fits your group.

1. If you have been baptized, briefly share your experience.
2. What did your previous understanding of baptism consist of?
3. In what ways did you grow in your understanding of baptism in this week's sermon?

INTO THE BIBLE

Instructions: The purpose of these questions is to draw group members into the Bible to discover truth from passages that were not the primary text for the weekend message.

1. Read Romans 6:1-4 and discuss the significance of this verse and all that we learn from it.
2. Read Matthew 16:24-26 and discuss how these verses connect with the verses you just read (Romans 6:1-4).
3. Read Matthew 28:16-20 and discuss what we learn from baptism here. Also, discuss all of the other things we learn from these verses.

APPLICATION

Instructions: The purpose of these questions is to apply the main points from the weekend message.

1. If baptism symbolizes a believer dying with Christ and being raised with him, and this happens at the very beginning of the Christian life, in what ways have you seen yourself die to the old life and live in the realities of being a new creation?
2. In what ways would you like to see your old self die more and your new self come to fruition?
3. Is there anyone in your life that you could encourage to get baptized? If so, what are some steps you can take in order to do that?

PRAYER

Instructions: In addition to your normal time of prayer, please spend some time praying through the following points from the sermon.

1. Take some time to pray for the people who were baptized this Sunday (If you do not know names, do not worry God does).
2. Take some time to pray for each other that the old man or woman would die and the new person would come.
3. Pray for each other for any other needs anyone might have.