

WEEK 6: What Is Baptism?

Memory Verse: Romans 6:4 (CSB)

“Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

SINGLES

1. How can being “buried with [Christ] through baptism” impact the way you approach relationships and personal growth?
2. What’s the most difficult thing about being a single person and trying to walk in “newness of life”?
3. How can community help you live out this verse and what are you doing to foster that community?

SINGLE PARENT

1. How do you talk to your children about the importance of baptism? When do you start to have those conversations?
2. What’s the most difficult aspect of baptism to talk with your children about?
3. Where do you find hope in the practice of baptism as a single parent?

TEENS

1. If you haven’t been baptized, what kind of questions do you have about baptism that you’d like answered?
2. If you have been baptized, what’s the hardest thing about life after baptism that you didn’t anticipate?
3. If you have been baptized, have you ever shared your baptism story with someone else? If not, share that story with at least one person this week.

YOUNG ADULT

1. How can you live out the truth of being “buried with [Christ] through baptism” in a culture that often promotes self-centered pursuits?
2. Do you feel comfortable sharing about baptism with people around you? Why or why not?
3. How do you think you can live out this verse at work and in your social circles?

MARRIED COUPLES

1. How might the doctrine of baptism help you prioritize one another in your marriage?
2. Share your baptism story with one another again. What do you remember about that day?
3. If you are parents, how did you or will you approach conversations with your children about baptism?

FAMILY

1. What is each of your family member's fondest memory of baptism? Why is that your favorite memory?
2. How does this verse help your family approach challenges that come up in your lives?
3. Ask each family member one thing they learned about baptism in church on Sunday.

WIDOWED

1. In what ways does this verse bring you comfort and hope in this season of your life?
2. How might you help others realize the importance of baptism through telling your own story?
3. Baptism is a corporate gesture that leads to community as well. How are you leaning on community in this season of your life?

GEM PARENTS

1. There may be some very real fears for your child when it comes to baptism. Do you feel properly equipped to handle that conversation? How can you explore ways to help you with any angst?
2. How does your own baptism story offer you strength and courage as a GEM parent?
3. What do you think would be the most challenging thing to talk to your child about when it comes to baptism?

NEWLYWEDS

1. As newlyweds, what kind of things have you had to bury to help you start this new life with your spouse?
2. Have you discussed baptism and how to approach the topic with your children (or future children)? What kind of approach will you have discussing it with your children?
3. Tell one another your baptism story again. What kind of things stick out about it?

EMPTY NESTERS

1. How has your children leaving home changed your perspective of shaping their faith and baptism?
2. Has your adult child been baptized? If not, how does that make you feel? If so, how are you seeing growth in that person's life?
3. Do you remember your own baptism stories? If so, share it with your spouse again this week, sharing a detail they might not know.

DIVORCED

1. Baptism is about separation. So is divorce. How has your baptism helped you deal with your own divorce?
2. Baptism is a corporate gesture that leads to community as well. How are you leaning on community in this season of your life?
3. How can baptism help you think about what it means to start fresh?

GOLDEN SAINTS

1. When were you baptized? What do you remember about the experience?
2. In this season of life, how can you share your baptism story with a younger person to help encourage them?
3. How would you explain this verse to someone who doesn't attend church and doesn't understand baptism?