

## *Celebrating the Next Steps*

### ***Why be baptized?***

Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 3:13-17; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 10:47-48;  
2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:3-10; Colossians 2:12

*Obedience- He asks me too.*

*Identification- I am a Christ follower.*

*Confession- I am a new creation.*

*Celebration- Rejoice together at what Christ has done.*

## **NEXT STEPS**

*Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation. Join with a life group and continue to grow by using these study questions this week.*

### **MY STORY**

This week we celebrated baptism as a community. We celebrated God's amazing grace and his power to change lives.

How has sharing the experience impacted your life?

### **GOING DEEPER**

Baptism and communion are two of the commands that Jesus gives us as followers of Christ.

Read these two stories of baptism.

How does this apply to your story?

Acts 2:38-41

Acts 8:26-40

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a symbol of the new covenant or promise that we have with God through Jesus Christ.

Read Matthew 26:17-30: This tells the story of the Last Supper.

Paul speaks to the church about communion in Corinthians

Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- Communion reminds us that Christ died for us.
- Communion is remembering.
- Communion is following what Jesus asks us to do.
- Communion is a time to examine our relationship with Christ. (vs. 26-28)
- Communion is to commune (share in common) with God and other believers.

God's ultimate will for our life is that we know Him and experience the blessings that come from living our life for Him. The death of Jesus is what covers our sins and enables us to have a relationship with a holy and perfect God. Remembering this is why we, as Christ followers, celebrate the Lord's Supper.

As preparation for communion with your group, read 1 Peter 1:17-23 and Matthew 20:28 reflecting on the Last Supper and what Jesus has done for you personally.

Celebrate together the amazing love and Grace of our lord Jesus Christ—Together we are his church.

## **TAKING IT HOME**

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As we celebrate communion together in our last life group meeting of this session, ask yourself a few questions:

How has being part of a life group impacted my life?

What did I enjoy most about life group?

How has my understanding of God grown?

Who do I know that could benefit from being in a life group?

What can I do to help that person participate in the next life group session?

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**