

Series: Talking with God

November 17, 2013

Message: Baptism: Celebrate Life Changing Love

The why of God's Love in action.

John 3:16-17

What God wants to do for you.

John 10:10; Ephesians 2:8-10

Our response to God's life changing love.

John 5:24, John 1:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 2:12, John 15:9-12

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God work!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What drew you to Jesus?

If you have been baptized share your experience and what it has meant to you?

What do you like about baptisms at Real Life Church?

DIGGING DEEPER

This week's message was foundational to our relationship with God. The questions this week are designed to dig deeper into our relationship with God.

Our relationship starts with God when we ask him to forgive us. God desires for you to walk closely with Him and communicate with Him throughout each day. This is called **fellowship**.

Christ's death is the basis for forgiveness to bring us into a proper **relationship** with God.

Read 1 Peter 3:18.

How does Christ's death help us with forgiveness in our daily lives?

Read and discuss the following verses on Fellowship with God.

Began when you received Christ. (Colossians 2:6)

Can be hindered. (Psalm 32:3-5)

Maintained in part by us. (1 John 1:9)

Changes when we sin. (Psalm 66:18)

How can we consistently experience fellowship with God?

Growing in Christ means to increase in knowledge of Christ and love for Him. Read Philippians 3:7-10. *Why did Paul count all things as loss?*

Read Matthew 22:37-38.

There are more than 600 commands in the Old Testament. Why do you think Jesus singled this one out?

How would loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind affect your life?

What have you enjoyed most about the fall session of life groups?

Spend time in prayer together thanking God for the new life he has given.

Study for this week

God communicates with you through the Bible, revealing His character and His will.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

How would you define each benefit described?

Which of those uses of the Bible would be most helpful to you right now?

How would you evaluate the helpfulness to your life of the Bible reading you have done so far?

You communicate with God through prayer, sharing your thoughts, your needs, and your desires to do His will.

Read Philippians 4:6-7. Pray about everything.

Pray specifically—so you can see God answer specifically.

Pray honestly—share your needs and desires to do His will.

(1 John 5:14, 15).

How can you know if what you are praying for is really something within God's will?

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