



Reflection Questions

October 22, 2023

Through the Waters

1 Peter 3:18-22

We are thrilled to witness the baptisms of 5 members of the church this morning! And it is appropriate as we see these individual acts of obedience to ask ourselves a few questions, “What does baptism point to?” And, “What does it mean that baptism is a, ‘means of grace’ for the church. And finally, “Am I following Christ according to the declaration I made at my baptism?”

Reflection Questions:

1. How does witnessing a baptism impact the church as a whole? Why is it considered a "means of grace"?
2. What is the significance of baptism as a step of obedience to Christ's command? Why is it important for believers to publicly declare their faith through baptism?
3. How does baptism serve as a symbol of the believer's new life in Christ and their identification with His death, burial, and resurrection?
4. According to Matthew 28:18-19, what role does baptism play in making disciples? Why is it important to understand that baptism doesn't make one a disciple but rather accompanies discipleship?
5. In what ways can being Christ's disciple be challenging or difficult? How can we find encouragement in knowing that Jesus also suffered for our sake?
6. Discuss the concept that baptism corresponds to passing through God's judgment and appeals to God for a good conscience through faith in Jesus' resurrection.
7. As believers, how can witnessing baptisms renew our commitment to live as disciples of Jesus?