<u>Discussion Questions for "Who is Baptism for?"</u> <u>Understanding Baptism Series</u>

1. How would you have answered the question, "Who is Baptism for" growing up?

- Did you grow up in a tradition that practiced infant baptism? If so, did you find yourself emotionally connected to that pattern of baptism?
- For people who didn't grow up with a church background, what might be some assumptions they make about baptism? How would they answer this question? (Who is baptism for?)
- Why should we look to the Bible to answer this question? What does it mean that "it is the ultimate authority for faith and practice?"

2. Read Acts 2:37-41 and 10:44-48

- What is historically significant about the book of Acts? Where is this book located in redemptive history?
- What is the order of the events in these scenes? What pattern is shown for baptism?

3. Read Romans 6:3-4.

- What conclusions can we make about baptism in this verse? What does it symbolize?
- How might this verse suggest that baptism isn't just a public proclamation but a commitment too?
- Why would a public (embodied) commitment be important for a new believer?
- How do these verses answer the question: WHO IS BAPTISM FOR?
- 4. What role does the church (Big C church) play in helping someone prepare and process their readiness for baptism? Why is this important? Do you know what that looks like at CCCC?
- 5. How did this week's message compel you to respond? Including those who are baptized believers?