



FROM THE BIBLE
Matthew 28:18-19 (NLT)
Acts 2:38 (NIV)
Matthew 3:13 (NIV)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 2 | Putting On The Jersey

1. In this message, Joel started out by talking about going to a football game to watch *The Ravens* play *The Eagles* in Philadelphia & how he wasn't willing to identify as a Ravens fan and wear a jersey while in Philadelphia. What would you have done?
2. We wrapped up our *End of The Summer Party* by talking about baptism. Why should baptism be something we celebrate & not something we just tolerate?
3. The tie in with the jersey story was that Joel said, *baptism is putting on the jersey for Jesus and identifying with Him*. How does this support or change your perspective of baptism? How did Jesus go public for us?
4. We covered 3 main points about baptism. First was that *baptism is for EVERY Jesus follower, regardless of personal preferences*. What are some personal preferences that may hold someone back (or yourself) from being baptized?
5. Read Matthew 28:18-19 & Acts 2:38. Can you identify the 1st two steps for every believer? Who did Peter baptize was for in Acts 2:38?
6. The second point about baptism was that *baptism shows how far we'll go for Jesus*. Read Matthew 3:13. Jesus' trek from Galilee to the Jordan River was at least 40 miles, over rough terrain, while wearing sandals that would have probably taken days. What can we learn from Jesus' example in this 1 verse?
7. The third point was *baptism raises a ton of questions*. Questions like, *I was baptized as a baby, should I do it again? If I'm afraid, do I get a pass? Should I get my life together 1st?* Did Joel address any of your questions in this message? If not, what's a question you may have?
8. In the life of our church we've seen over 100 people go public for Jesus. How do the baptisms impact you?
9. Joel ended by saying, *many of us feel like we don't need to be baptized because our faith is personal*. That's very true. However, faith is always personal but it's never private. How can you go public (and wear the Jesus jersey) in your life this week?

Reminder :: Next Sunday (9/22) Our Service Times Return to 9 & 10:30AM