



# Digging Deeper

*Putting your faith in ACTION!*

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

## **ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:**

1. What has been your personal experience with water baptism? If you have been baptized, was it your decision?
2. How did being baptized initiate your spiritual walk? What 'started' after you were baptized?
3. Why is it important that we continue to celebrate baptism in the Christian community? Is there anyone in your life that you should encourage to be baptized?
4. Take a few minutes to reflect upon your baptism. Have you continuing to walk out your testimony of faith before others?

## **FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:**

1. Talk through the scriptures from this morning's message. Explain baptism to your children – see what questions they have.
2. Share your own personal story of being baptized and teach your children why they should be excited to be baptized one day.
3. If your children are eager to be baptized, prayerfully consider if they are indeed old enough to appreciate, understand, and choose to follow the Lord's example in water baptism.
4. Take some time pray together.



## **Today's Service**

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**Series: Washed**

**Part 2: Start**

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**Mark 1:1-8** (NLT) <sup>1</sup> This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began <sup>2</sup>just as the prophet Isaiah had written: “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way.

<sup>3</sup>He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’” <sup>4</sup>This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. <sup>5</sup>All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>John announced: “Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!”

**Acts 19:1-7** (NLT) <sup>1</sup> While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. <sup>2</sup>“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” he asked them. “No,” they replied, “we haven’t even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>“Then what baptism did you experience?” he asked. And they replied, “The baptism of John.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John’s baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the one who would come later, meaning Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup>There were about twelve men in all.

**1 Peter 3:21** (NLT) <sup>21</sup> And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Baptism is...

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ to God

2. Comes from a clean \_\_\_\_\_ with God

3. Is made effective because of the \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 6:1-4** (NLT) <sup>1</sup> Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup>Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? <sup>3</sup>Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? <sup>4</sup>For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

**Acts 2:38** (NLT) <sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 22:16** (NLT) <sup>16</sup> What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.’

**Matthew 3:13-17** (NLT) <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup>But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him. <sup>16</sup>After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

**Matthew 28:19-20a** (NLT) <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.

Baptism involves...

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

