

Small Group Questions

5/29.16 – 1 Big Day

Dale Oquist Speaking

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What do you have that is a reminder that something very special took place? A trophy, certificate, piece of jewelry, plaque, etc? What do you remember about that event? Why was/is it so special to you?

LOOKING BACK

Sunday was 1 Big Day at Peoples Church! We held 1 big gathering in multiple venues on the PC campus. Dale shared a message, "I Have Decided (to be Baptized)." Baptism is a symbol and a public declaration that we have been united in faith with Christ.

Everyone then joined together to cheer on the 100's of people who were being baptized right after the gathering. It was truly 1 Big Day to celebrate and to be ignited and renewed in our faith!

DIGGING DEEPER

Verses: Mark 16:16, Acts 18:8, Acts 8:12-13, Romans 6:3-4

2. Did you attend 1 Big Day? What your favorite moment of the day and why? Did you or anyone you know get baptized on Sunday? If so, describe what you were thinking and feeling as that took place?

*additional questions to ask as appropriate:

- (if you were baptized before 1 Big Day...) What is your baptism testimony? Describe what you were thinking and feeling when you were baptized.
- (if you haven't been baptized...) What do you think is holding you back from being baptized? As you are comfortable, please share that with the group.

Read Acts 19:4-5 ⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus

On Sunday, Dale told us, "Baptism doesn't save us, the Gospel does! It is the Gospel that has the power of God to bring salvation..." Yet F.F. Bruce once said, "The idea of an unbaptized Christian is simply not entertained in the New Testament."

3. What makes being baptized such a powerful and important step for us to take after belief?

TAKING IT HOME

One thing that is amazing about baptism is that Jesus himself asked John the Baptist to baptize him. His Father showed up in an amazing way at his baptism. Please read Matthew 3:13-17.

4. What did God say to his boy? What would you like to hear God say to you? How or where do you need God to show up in an amazing way right now?
5. What is your next step of faith in following Jesus?

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 - **Wednesday Nights** *Join us at Peoples Church for our ongoing classes and Bible Studies for adults, women, men, youth and children on Wednesday nights at 7p*