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Week 3: Baptism  
Study Guide August 20/21

### **Main Point**

Baptism is a public declaration of a personal decision. I choose to follow Christ, He accepted me, I belong to Him.

1. Give an update on how your weeks of learning and incorporating the spiritual disciplines, Solitude, Scripture Memorization, Prayer and Fasting, are going? What has come easy, what has been a challenge?
2. Pastor Ken mentioned his cherished hat. Is there a "prized possession" in your life? What and why is it significant to you? Have you found some things in life used to be important, but no longer seem to be as much?
3. Read Ephesians 2:8. What does grace look like for you?
4. Read Matthew 3:13-16 and Matthew 28:18-20. Baptism is a significant step on our spiritual journey. Being baptized is putting down a spiritual "stake." Why do you think being baptized is so important?
5. When someone is baptized, we say, "Dead to sin and now you are alive in Christ." What does that mean to you?
6. Read Acts 16:25-34. What were the observations in the scripture reading that jump out? Pastor Ken mentioned prayer, praise, and others are listening. Anything else you noticed?
7. Ask yourself, "Am I processing my decisions in an immature fashion – totally on emotions?" OR, am I asking myself, "Am I making this decision in a godly/Biblical way?"
8. Have you taken that first step and asked Christ to be the leader and Savior of your life? Read Ephesians 2:8 again.
9. Have you taken that NEXT step and been baptized – driving a spiritual stake in your life?
10. What is your next step on your spiritual journey? Ask others in your group to help with ideas.