

Life Group Discussion

Now That I Believe - Pt 1

Introduction

This week we began a new series called, "Now That I Believe". In part one we're discussing Baptism and why it is important. We will share our baptism experiences and look at some questions that help us better understand this step of faith.

Ice Breaker

Start your discussion by sharing with each other your baptism experience. Where and when did it take place?

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*

Matthew 28:19

Discuss

1. What are some reasons people delay getting baptized? Pastor Ryan mentioned a few reasons in the message:

- Failure to understand the importance of water baptism
- More committed to tradition than to the Word of God
- Pride and or embarrassment

Can you relate to any of these? What ultimately led you to move forward and take the step?

2. What is baptism? (Baptism is defined by: being immersed or dipped under water).

Read Colossians 2:12, and discuss what baptism by immersion represents.

3. What is the purpose of baptism?

Jesus modeled baptism for us. Read the account of his baptism in **Matthew 3:14-17**. What does this reveal about the purpose of baptism?

(Leader note: Baptism is not salvation, but its purpose connects us to the will of God)

4. When should I get baptized?

In order to answer this question we encourage you to look up these passages to find a precedent for when someone is to be baptized:

Acts 2: 37-41
Acts 8:12
Acts 8:36-38
Acts 10:47-48
Acts 16:14-15
Acts 16:30-31
Acts 18:8
Acts 19:2-5
Acts 22:16

(Leader note: the answer to this question is that people should be baptized immediately after accepting Jesus as Savior. Help your group find that answer in these texts).

Next Step

Every month we help people take the step of baptism. Are you or anyone in your group ready for this step? Visit: lineage.church/connect to sign up.

Pray

Be sure to take a few minutes to pray for one another before leaving. Practice the habit of prayer together. Prayer is our first response to life, not our last resort.