



Pt. 3: Baptism Sunday

Questions for further study and application:

Day 1 Every comeback starts with a moment in time. A big play or a grand gesture that begins to turn the tide in your direction. A comeback ultimately is a process, but it has to start somewhere. On Sunday, you learned that the big play in starting a comeback to God is baptism. Read Romans 6:3-5. If you have been baptized, take time today to reflect on your baptism and what it means to you. Remember the power of that plain old water that washed you clean and you can start fresh. If you haven't been baptized, pray about it and register on a connection card or on the Waters Edge website.

Day 2 Sometimes when you think of Jesus, He can be difficult to relate to. He was perfect. He lived a sin-free life. However, there are times when you see glimpses of Jesus in the Bible where he is just like you. We see in Mark 1:9-11, that Jesus was baptized by John. Jesus needed to be baptized just like you. Find comfort today that you serve a God who is all-powerful but who has also walked in your shoes. He cried at funerals, he challenged his friends, and he even went to weddings. He understands intimately what life on earth is like. Take comfort in knowing that Jesus knows your struggles and your victories.

Day 3 Let's look a little more at John the Baptist today. John is said to have been preparing a way for Jesus to come. Read John 3:16. This the most famous verse in the Bible and John explains who Jesus is and what he is coming to do. To save us all. Continue reading through the end of John 3. John continues to explain to people who Jesus is and why he is the one to put our faith in. What can you get out of that passage? Do you need to put your faith in Jesus? Do you need to be a John to someone else? Has God placed someone in your life that you need to help prepare the way for Jesus? Maybe you are to play a part in someone else's comeback story.

Day 4 Read Acts 16:30-33. The jailer has encountered two of Jesus's friends after his resurrection. He wants to know how to be saved. They tell him to believe and be baptized. He did believe and he was immediately baptized. Baptism isn't required for salvation but it is your public declaration of your faith in God. It's a step of obedience. The highlight of this story is that the jailer was immediately baptized. Is there something in your life right now that you need to immediately obey? It might be the first step in your comeback.

Day 5 Comebacks begin with an act of obedience. If there is an area of your life that needs a comeback, think about whether or not you're being disobedient in that area. Think about it this way, obedience in your life allows for blessings and potential for more blessings in the lives of those around you. However, being obedient can be a challenge and you may find yourself making excuses. Maybe you've thought it's too hard, or God's commandments conflict with what you want, or perhaps no one else around you is doing it so why do you need to? Read John 14:21. When you find yourself wavering, lean into God and ask Him to strengthen your resolve to remain obedient.

What's New?

The best invite is a personal one!

Simply tell them to come and see! God will do the rest. Next Sunday we kick off our new series, The Big Comfy Couch!

Be bold and bring a friend or family you've been wanting to invite.