

# Weekend Message Questions

## Traditions: Baptism

### 10/30 - 10/31

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**CHECK-IN:** Check with your group to see how they're doing.

**BIG IDEA:** Follow the example and instruction of Jesus to be baptized.

**DISCUSS:** Before we dive into this, what is your understanding of baptism? Have you been baptized? If yes, when and why?

**READ:** Matthew 3:13-17 and Matthew 28:19

**DISCUSS:**

- Why did Jesus model baptism for us since He did not need to be baptized?
- What makes it important to be obedient in baptism?

**READ:** Romans 6:1-4, Galatians 3:26-27, Colossians 2: 11-12

**DISCUSS:**

- Talk about how these show the importance of us identifying with Christ.
  - "We were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism"
  - "United with Christ"
  - "You were buried with Christ when you were baptized.", "you were raised to new life"

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

**DISCUSS:**

- Why is it important for us to have an outward expression of our faith through baptism?

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- We can't get stuck on the mode, but rather the implication, otherwise we miss what baptism is about. Baptism is a public declaration of a relationship with Christ.
- If you have not been baptized, we invite you to be baptized next weekend:  
[hopefellowship.net/baptism](http://hopefellowship.net/baptism).
- If you do not have a relationship with Christ, we invite you to ask Christ into your life. You can do this through prayer with your Group right now.

**DIY:** Reflect on what it means to identify with Jesus and with the Church through water baptism.

**Pray to close.**

**Can you use prayer?** <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>

- Why is it important for us to have any outward expressions of our faith through baptism?