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MESSAGE: What is Baptism?

TEXT: Acts 16:25-34

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Introduction:

1. Baptism does not _____ anyone (Acts 16:30-32; 8:32-35; John 3:16-18; Luke 23:43; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:17; 15:1-4).
2. Baptism happens _____ believing in Jesus (Acts 16:33; 8:36-39).
3. Baptism is _____ by Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20).
4. Baptism is a _____ our sins being _____ away (Acts 22:16; Titus 3:1-6).
5. Baptism is a _____ of our _____ with Jesus in his death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:1-4).

Conclusion:

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

A Look @ Acts 8:26-40:

1. Read through Acts 8:26-40. What passage of Scripture was the Ethiopian Eunuch reading from in vv.32-34? Refer to cross references in your Bible for help.
2. Why is this O.T text so significant?
3. What did Philip do with this Scripture (v.35)?
4. What happened next (vv.36-39)?
5. What does Acts 8:26-40 teach us about the Gospel and baptism?

A Look @ Acts 16:25-40:

1. Read through Acts 16:25-40. What question did the jailer ask Paul and Silas in v.30? What was the answer given by Paul and Silas in v.31?
2. What does it mean to be 'saved' (v.30)? What does it mean to 'believe in' the Lord Jesus (v.31; John 3:16-18)?
3. What happened next (v.32)?
4. How soon after believing in Jesus was the jailer and his family baptized (v.33)?
5. What does Acts 16:25-40 teach us about the Gospel and baptism?

Two Final Questions:

What are some reasons people give for not being baptized?

How might you encourage those who are hesitant to get baptized?

