



Week 7- “Baptism”

Over the last several weeks we have been looking at the words Jesus said and the implications they have on our life and faith. In this week’s message, we look at what Jesus said about baptism and what that step looks like in the life of a Christian.

1. What has your understanding of baptism been up to this point?
2. If you grew up in church what were you taught about baptism? What were you told were necessary steps for baptism?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

3. If you have been baptized and feel comfortable, would you share with the group what your experience with baptism was? Was it a step you took to be accepted by the church, to “check a box,” or was it a step you took in order to share your faith publicly?
4. Discuss the idea that you don’t have to know everything and do everything right in order to be welcomed in the church.

Colossians 2:12-13 says: “For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.”

5. Discuss the idea that baptism is a visual expression of an inward reality. What do you think this means?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 17

6. No matter how hard you try, you can't fix your sin problem on your own. But the good news is that Jesus died for you to provide a way for your sins to be fully forgiven. Is this something you wrestle with or are you able to rest in what Jesus did for you?

7. Christianity teaches that Jesus rose from the dead; He overcame sin and death in order to make a way for you to be right with God. Discuss the implications that this has on your life.

When you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that you have a sin problem you can't fix, that Jesus died for your sin, and that He rose again, then you are a Christian. Baptism is a way to tell others what He has done for you.

8. Do you think it is possible for God to use your story and step of baptism to encourage others to put their faith in Him?

9. If you have put your faith in Jesus and have not been baptized, would you consider taking the step to share your faith with others? If so you can reach out to a staff member at www.rockpointcc.org/baptism.