



9/15/19
ALL ABOUT THE ACTION

BIG IDEA

Believing God is a good start, but doing what you learn from Him is essential. Taking action and having faith are two sides of the same coin. Action indicates to us and to others that our faith is alive. One action step is to be baptised. Baptism is an act of love and obedience, it is a public declaration of our new association, and it gives us a new identity.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- James 2:14, 17
- Romans 10:9-10
- John 15:14
- Matthew 28:19
- Matthew 3:11-15
- James 1:22-24
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What was significant for you from the message?
- If you have not been baptized, what questions do you have about it? What is standing in the way of you taking action?
- If you have been baptized, how has your life changed as a result?
- What other things has God instructed you to do that you still need to do?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- If someone hasn't been baptized and decides they now want to, help them register at group for the next baptism
 - Link to [BAPTISM FORM](#)
 - Or if you're comfortable baptizing them, plan to baptize them at a local lake or river with your small group as witnesses this week. You are a follower of Jesus and that qualifies you to baptize another. Be sure to report the date of baptism and the name of those baptized to the church via the connect group director's email: linda.parkhouse@crossroadsvineyard.com

PRAYER FOCUS

At Crossroads, we pray believing God hears and answers us. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray as a group for each member that indicates a need or obedience step during discussion.
- Encourage members to start praying for one another during the week, whenever God brings them to mind.

LEADER TIPS

- Keep snacks light and inexpensive. The snacks are a magnet for gathering in the early part of group time. A bag of chips or some hummus and pita chips or a bowl of grapes make a great snack.
- Remember to let group members contribute from week to week. You might put out a sign-up sheet on week three and let them choose the week they'd like to bring snacks. Remember to send a quick text or email a couple days prior to their date to remind them.