



May 14, 2017

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Sermon: Follow Jesus

Bottom Line: Follow Jesus into the water.

Connect

Share our small group ministry's three core values (Care, Share, Serve).

1. Share your baptism story with the group. Why did you decide to be baptized? Why is baptism important?

Core

when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, - Titus 3:4-5 (NIV)

Read Matthew 3:13-17

2. What was John the Baptist's baptism for? What reason did Jesus give for being baptized by John? How did Jesus's baptism identify him with the fallenness of humanity (Isaiah 53:12)? How does our baptism connect us to his righteousness? How was his baptism for our benefit?
3. Why is Jesus's baptism more than just symbolic? Why did Jesus receive the Holy Spirit? Why did God speak to Jesus? How does God give his love and grace to us in our baptism? Does he also give us his Spirit (Acts 2:38)? Why?
4. Baptism is not a legal transaction. Through faith, God forgives our sins and calls us to ministry, having a relationship with him. What does Jesus's baptism teach us about having a relationship with God?

Call

5. If you have not been baptized will choose to be baptized on June 4th?
6. The decision to follow Jesus is not a one-time decision. If you have already been baptized how can choose to live the baptized life? How can you say each day, "I am baptized!"

End in Prayer.
Sermon Notes: