

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *ONE Baptism*

Baptism means, to be immersed.

We are to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Our unity is based on the theological oneness of God. Paul says in Ephesians 4:5 that there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. The one Lord is Jesus and the content of the one faith is the gospel Jesus (the one Lord and Savior). The one baptism is into the one Lord, Jesus (“in Christ”). We are immersed into Jesus and the Holy Spirit immerses us into the one body, the church (1 Cor 12:13). Baptism represents our union with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (the gospel) and being united with all who put their trust in Christ.

Discussion

1. Share with the group why you remember choosing to put your faith in Jesus and why you continue to follow him.
2. Read Mark 1:4, 14-15. John the Baptist prepared the way for people to follow Jesus. John, and later Jesus, would preach a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. How is repentance more of an invitation into the kingdom of God and less of rebuke? How are repentance and water baptism connected?
3. Read Acts 18:18-26 & 19:1-7. Much time after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus has passed and his disciples come across a person who is teaching a different (incomplete) gospel. Paul also discovered some who had been baptized into that incomplete gospel -they were uninformed of the resurrected Jesus. What was Apollos lacking in his teaching about the good news of kingdom? What had the followers in Acts 19 yet to receive? How did Priscilla, Aquila, and Paul handle this?
4. How are Apollos and the followers in chapter 19 examples for us in how to change our mind about Biblical truths? What can we learn from them?
5. Believers are immersed into Jesus through baptism and placed in the church by the Spirit. How is being immersed more than just an event but a lifestyle (the baptized life)?

Application

6. From Matthew 28:19-20, how can you use your testimony to help reproduce the baptized life?

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