



## CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE

- We have baptisms in both services (9:00am & 10:45am) in our main auditorium
- Spontaneous baptisms *after each auditorium worship service* are also available today
- John 10:10 – *(Jesus said,) I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

## THE GREAT COMMISSION & BAPTISM – MATTHEW 28:18-20

► Note the clear, biblical progression

- ① \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:17)
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (John 1:11-12)

*Prayer of Salvation – Lord Jesus, I need You in my life. You died on the cross for me... in my place. So I receive You by faith this day as my Lord and Savior. Please come into my life. Forgive me of my sins. Adopt me into the forever family of God. With Your ongoing help, it is my desire to walk with You from this day on. Thank You for the free gift of salvation. Amen.*

- ③ \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12; 9:18; 16:29-33)
- ④ \_\_\_\_\_ -Oriented \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:20)

## WHAT IS BAPTISM? Romans 6:4

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of a believing person \_\_\_\_\_ water
- Greek word "battizw" (baptize) = to dip under
  - Baptism symbolizes cleansing, death to our "old self" & raising to newness of life

## WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED? Galatians 3:26-27

- To follow the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

## WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED? Acts 2:38

- \_\_\_\_\_ who have \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ

## WHEN SHOULD SOMEONE BE BAPTIZED? Acts 8:36,38

- \_\_\_\_\_
- If you have trusted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior, but never taken the obedient step of believer's baptism... be baptized today... RIGHT NOW!



## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCTOBER 22—28

### PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for all the great baptism stories about new life in Christ that were presented on Sunday. Halleluiah! Thank You, Father, for the amazing gifts of forgiveness, salvation and life transformation in Jesus!

### MY STORY

Have 2-4 people share about their baptism stories. Describe the process you went through as you decided to follow Jesus in being baptized.

### DIGGING DEEP

1. Read **Matthew 3:13-17** and **John 1:29-34**. If Jesus never sinned, and John's baptism was for repentance of sin, why did Jesus need to be baptized? What was the significance of the dove descending on Jesus and the voice from heaven?
2. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. Why do you think God insisted that baptism play such a critical role in our faith-walk with Him? Why is it important that believers be baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?"
3. Read **Acts 2:37-41**. On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter boldly shared the Good News before a huge crowd. Many were "cut to the heart" by his message and asked how they should appropriately respond. Take some time to talk about Peter's response to the crowd's question in verses 38-39. What phrase from this passage most impacts you today?

### DIGGING DEEPER

4. Read **Acts 8:26-40**. Summarize the story of Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch. Who brought up the subject of baptism? What other details are unusual about this encounter? What lessons can we learn from it?

### EXTRA CREDIT – DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

5. Read **Acts 16:12-34**. Summarize the passage and answer the following questions:
  - A. In order for people to get baptized, they first need to come to faith in Christ. This generally happens because a Christian is courageous enough to share the Good News of Christ with them. List the people saved and baptized in this passage.
  - B. Who shared Jesus with those who got saved?
  - C. What hardships did those who shared Christ face in the city of Philippi?
  - D. Do you think that Paul and Silas thought it was worth all the suffering to see these people be born again and subsequently baptized? Explain your answer.
  - E. What lessons can be learned from this passage?

### TAKING IT HOME

6. Read **Romans 6:4** and **Galatians 3:26-27**. During the Sunday message, our pastor said that baptism is a symbol of cleansing, death (burial) and resurrection. Galatians 3:27 seems to indicate that baptism symbolizes one more thing. What is that and why is it important?
7. The obedient act of baptism is spiritual warfare! We are declaring to the enemies of God that we have chosen to follow Jesus Christ. That makes believers new targets for the devil! How can the church community come alongside those who have recently been baptized to better support them in the Body of Christ? List some practical ways that you can personally support them well.

### PRAYING TOGETHER

Share any needs your group may have and pray for one another. Pray also for those who were baptized on Sunday at Creekside! Pray for these folks to stay strong in their faith journeys and the spiritual warfare they will face.