

Questions for your Family Devotions or Grace Groups:

Summary of Message:

What is this strange initiation into the Christian way of life called 'baptism'? Is it really necessary? Why does so much of what God calls His followers to do seem strange? To be a genuine follower of Jesus, do we have to be nuts?

- 1. Read Mark 16:15-16. What was something the Lord used to speak to you personally in this message?
- 2. What crazy initiations do you remember from days gone by? Why do groups, organizations, *etc...* have initiations?
- 3. Pastor Michael shared 7 reasons baptism is an important aspect of a Christian's life. Can you remember all of them? If not, here ya go... Baptism is an: Illustration, Proclamation, Identification, Association, Liberation, Impartation, and Celebration. Discuss why each of these is important.
- 4. Read **1 Corinthians 1:18**. What is this verse saying? Do you believe it is still true today? What then does it look like?