

# THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **SUMMARY:**

Baptism is one of the most important steps of Christian growth and obedience that a follower of Jesus will ever take. It's one of the most exciting and meaningful aspects of the Christian life. Baptism is not just an incidental aspect of our journey as a believer, but it's a very fundamental part of what it means to be a member of the family of God. This week's sermon will take a focused look at what biblically based Christian baptism is all about.

### **Key Passage: Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 6:3-5**

*Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.*

### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION**

#### **KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.**

*The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

*What is something that you are thankful for this week?*

*What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?*

*Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?*

#### **GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.**

Baptism doesn't bring a person salvation, but it's something God commands for those who follow Him. That said, in your own words, talk about what it is that brings us salvation in Jesus.

Have you been baptized by immersion since trusting Christ to be your Savior? If so, describe your personal salvation and baptism story.

Read Romans 6:3-5. Discuss what you think these verses mean?

#### **GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.**

According to Matthew 28:18-19, How would baptism help accomplish Jesus' mission to the world?

Why should baptism be public?

Why should a person get baptized soon after conversion? What significant discipleship principle does this teach?



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