

# BAPTISM SUNDAY

## Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16

January 29, 2023  
DISCUSSION GUIDE

**TALK** (get the conversation started; approximately 10 minutes)

- What is one thing you are thankful for from this past week?
- What is one thing about God you're thankful for from the last week?

**THINK** (ask a question or two to get your group thinking; approximately 10 minutes)

- What was your something from the message/Sunday that have you been thinking about (a new idea, an application, a challenge, a question, or a new thing you learned)?
- What good news have you received recently? What good news have you shared recently?
- Brady shared four elements of the Gospel that need to be present when we share the Good News: God, Man, Christ, Response. How does each element contribute to the whole message of the Gospel? What's missing most frequently when you think about sharing the Gospel?

**READ** (open scripture and read Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16)

- Read the passage aloud, everyone follow along in your copy of Scripture.
- Re-read the same passage, everyone simply listen as the Word is read aloud.

**DISCUSS** (meditate on and talk about what was just read; approximately 40 minutes; use HEAR)

- **Highlight:** What stands out to you (what you would highlight, underline, circle, make note of...)?
- **Explain:** How would you explain this passage to someone hearing it for the first time? What is the author's intended meaning in the context of the passage?
- **Apply:** What is the principle to live by today? How can this help me? What does this mean today? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? (
- **Respond:** How will I respond to the application in my relationships and/or situations this week? What are you going to do about this?
- Baptism is a next step of obedience when someone surrenders their life and begins to follow Jesus Christ. Have you been baptized? When?
- Think about living in the first century when Jesus gave the Great Commission. How significant would it have been to be baptized and show an outward sign of associating with Jesus Christ?
- In what way do you receive grace or blessing when observing baptism? (For example, "It's an encouraging act to observe" or "it reminds me when I was baptized and the joy I had" or "Because it's a symbol of death, burial, and resurrection, I'm blessed by being reminded of Jesus' gift of salvation" etc.)
- *How can we help you take these steps toward delighting in, meditating on, or practicing God's Word?*
- **Complete this statement: "Based on what we've read and discussed, this week, I will..."**

**PRAY** (wrap up sharing and taking unhurried time to pray)

- If applicable, are there any updates to previous prayer requests or praises?
- How can we pray for one another? Do your best to limit the sharing to the needs within the group.
- How can we praise with one another?

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**CONNECTION** (use these questions to help with accountability)

- Have you spent time in the Word and prayer this week? If not, what got in the way? If so, share something you learned or something that challenged you?
- Have you share the gospel or your testimony with anyone this week?
- Have you spent quality time with your family this week?
- Men, have you loved your wife well this past week?
- Ladies, have you respected your husband well this week?
- How have you loved the unlovable this week?