MISSIONAL COMMUNITY GUIDE JANUARY 24, 2020

WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

A family of servant missionaries sent to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus.

Take time to specifically pray for people in your life that need Christ and their salvation. Find ways during this time to reach out to these people.

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 28:19, Acts 8:12

Main Idea: We practice believer's baptism because baptism is an outward sign of an inward reality.

- I. What is baptism?
- II. What is the significance of baptism?
 - a. It's an outward sign of an inward reality.
 - b. It's an obedience issue.
 - c. It identifies you with the people of God.
- III. Following Jesus in believer's baptism glorifies God and blesses those who obey.
 - 1. Surrendering to the Lordship of Jesus brings joy!
 - 2. Believer's baptism celebrates God's grace!

Discussion Guide:

- What is baptism picturing?
- When should baptism take place? Before or after coming to faith in Christ?
- Why is baptism significant?
- How is baptism inseparably linked to repentance? What does that mean?
- Has anyone had a misunderstanding about or misapplied Baptism in the past, but God brought clarity and understanding to you through His Word? Will you share that experience?
- How does baptism remind us of the gospel and how it be used as a tool to share the gospel with others?