

# Baptism

## SERMON SUMMARY

This Sunday we celebrated with several people who declared their faith in Jesus by being baptized. Water baptism has been done by faithful followers of Christ for a long time. It was practiced by the first century church and recognized as important by the apostles. For today's study we'll look at what the Bible teaches us about water baptism. You'll have opportunity in group to share about your personal experience with baptism and to talk about its meaning and relevance to our lives.

## KEY VERSES

Matthew 28:18-20

Galatians 2:20

*Interested in getting baptized at Creekside? Our next baptism Sunday is scheduled for June 22. Sign up here!*

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. If you watched this Sunday's baptisms at Creekside, share with the group how the testimonies spoke to you. How does watching others being baptized grow your faith?
2. Share with the group about your personal experience with baptism. If you have been baptized, how did that experience impact you? If you have not been baptized yet, share with the group what you have experienced in seeing others baptized.
3. Read Matthew 28:19-20. In these verses we have the final words that Jesus left with his disciples. What did Jesus tell them about baptism? Do you see this is a command that is relevant to us today? Why or why not?
4. Read John 1:29-34. Jesus practiced what he preached. By being baptized Jesus was acting in obedience to the Father. How is this relevant to you as a follower of Jesus?
5. Read Acts 2:37-41. In this account, Peter preaches to a crowd that had gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost. As a result, 3,000 are baptized! In that crowd there were likely many who only recently learned about Jesus, but they qualified to be baptized. What qualified them?
6. Read Acts 8:12-13. The pattern we see in the New Testament is that all who placed their faith in Jesus were baptized. How is this important to us today?
7. Read Galatians 2:20. Baptism by immersion is a good picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. How does this picture tell the story of what God has done in your life?

## PRAYER

Spend some time thanking God for the testimonies that were shared on Sunday. Thank God for each person who was baptized and ask Him to continue to bless and guide each one. Ask Him to continue to teach each of your group members more about who Jesus is and to lead each of you to take next steps in your faith in Him.