

Baptism is Personal Session 1

Baptism redefines our identity in at least 3 ways:

- Baptism is _____
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It is personal

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

Baptism signifies the destruction of sin, the giving up of the “_____” and being brought into a “_____” in Christ.

What about your old life are you ready to give up?

What are some things that are going to be different in your new life? What practices will you employ to help you live your new life?

- Read Matthew 3:13-17

Baptism is an initiation act whereby disciples begin a _____ that is following in the footsteps of Christ in the company of his disciples.

Who are other disciples in your life who help you follow in the footsteps of Jesus?

How will you ask them to help you in this new way of life? (Parents, friends, mentors, pastors)

- Baptism is “personal” in the sense that it signifies a change in your heart that will effect a change in your personal life.

How would your friends at school describe you right now?

How do you wish they would describe you?

We should be known, first and foremost, as a woman/man who follows Jesus.

- Read Romans 6:1-14

Put this scripture in your own words.

At baptism we are baptized into the life of Christ. We share in his death, his resurrection and so too we are to share in his life. We vow to _____.

What areas of your personal life do you need to surrender to Jesus in order for you to be ready to live out the commitment of your baptism?

Homework: Write out your confession of faith by answering this question: Why do you want to be baptized?

My student has discussed the above scriptures and questions with me.

Parent Signature:

Session 2 Baptism is Communal

- Read Acts 2:36-41

The believers were baptized together. Through baptism, Christians together agree to follow in the way of Jesus and embrace a common _____. The baptized commits to the Church and the Church commits to the baptized.

- Baptism incorporates a person into the _____, the Body of Christ.
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Baptism redefines our _____ with one another. We are brothers and sisters in Christ. (John 13:34, John 17:20-23)

What relationships at church do you need to be intentional to correct or work on in light of these commands?

How does your baptism change your relationships with others?

- Read Ephesians 4:4-6

We are all _____ in Christ.

In what ways have you struggled to be unified with people at church?

How can you begin to be a leader in unifying our youth group?

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Baptism is Vocational Session 3

What is your call in life? What is your mission?

- Review Matthew 3-5

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he set out on his mission to preach the good news, to forgive sinners, and heal the sick. The word vocation comes from the Latin word "_____."

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We begin to live out our vocation now by:

- Acts of Service in the _____.

Where can you serve in our youth group? In the overall church?

- Acts of Service in your _____.

In what ways can you serve your family this week?

- Acts of Service according to our _____.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Take Gifts Evaluation

What have you learned that God has called you do? How can you do that this week?

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Leader Guide Baptism Preparation Class

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