

Session 2—Baptism



The next step after trusting in Jesus for a new believer is to be baptized just like Jesus. This Session will explain the reasons and benefits of believers' baptism.

- Start by asking them how they are Etc.. Then Ask then to list a Highlight from this past week &/or a challenge that they are facing?

Highlight

Challenge

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- Continue together in brief time of prayer, including the Highlights, Challenges and time together this week
- How did you do with Practising your Story or the 3 circle this past week? Choose one to go over and Practice with each other. Dis they Get a chance to Share with anyone? Encourage each no matter what the outcome was to follow up this week.

Lesson:

- READ THE FOLLOWING BIBLE VERSES & ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1) **Acts 2:36–41 (NLT)** *“So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”*³⁷ *Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”*³⁸ *Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins... Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*³⁹ *This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”*⁴⁰ *Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”*⁴¹ *Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.*

Who was baptized?	
When were they baptized?	
Who performed the baptism?	

2) **Acts 8:36–38 (NLT)** *As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look! There’s some water! Why can’t I be baptized?”*³⁸ *He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.*

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3) **Acts 9:11, 17–18 (NLT)** *The Lord said, “Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul ...”*¹⁷ *So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”*¹⁸ *Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.*

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4) **Acts 10:24, 44-48 (NLT)** *They arrived in Caesarea the following day. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends...⁴⁴ Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message...⁴⁷ “Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?”⁴⁸ So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

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What can you conclude from these verse about baptisim?

□ JESUS' BAPTISM:

5) **Matthew 3:13–17 (NLT)** Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. ¹⁶ After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."

Why did Jesus say He wanted to be baptized?

What did the Father say after Jesus was baptized?

□ 3 REASONS FOR BEING BAPTIZED

OBEY—we are baptized after believing in Jesus out of obedience

6) **Acts 22:16 (NLT)** "What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord."

What is the question in this verse and how might it apply to you?

DISPLAY—baptism is a way to display your faith similar to the way a wedding ring displays that you are married.

7) **Galatians 3:27 (NLT)** And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

What is baptism likened to in this passage?

PORTRAY—baptism pictures what happens when we are saved

8) **Romans 6:4 (NLT)** For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

What picture is portrayed by baptism?



Baptism does not "save" you—only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring. It's the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

When did you ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life?

Why should you be baptized? (check all that apply)

- Jesus was baptized.
- Jesus commanded us to be baptized.
- It gives me the opportunity to let people know I believe in Jesus.
- It illustrates what it means to die to my old life, and to live a new life with Jesus

When were you baptized? (check one)

- I have never been baptized
- I was baptized as a child
- I was baptized after asking Jesus to be the Lord of my life
- Other: Explain _____

Are you willing to be baptized the way Jesus was?

I have already Yes I am No I'm Not Sure

If you are hesitating about being baptized, why? (check all that apply)

- I don't understand baptism.
- I feel I would be dishonoring my parents.
- I don't want to get wet in front of people.
- I'm simply afraid or embarrassed.



ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT TIME:

1. Continue to Practist your Story & 3 Circles.
2. Try to Share it with 1 person
3. Schedule your baptism.



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- Take Sometime and in **Prayer together** about baptism, their Oikous and any other needs or Items that have come up during your time together.

Schedule Your next time together: Place: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____