

Discussion Guide – Baptism Sunday!

1. “How are we all doing?” (*High, Low & Buffalo*)

- i. High – What was a high point in your week? What was good or went well?
- ii. Low – What was a low point in your week? What was a challenge, disappointment, or struggle?
- iii. Buffalo – What was something else that happened this week? It can be anything – interesting, random, weird, surprising, or completely normal!

2. “This past week was Baptism Sunday! We got to hear different people share their Jesus Story and see them get baptized. What stuck out from the people who shared on Sunday? ¹”

3. “Being baptized is a picture of us dying to our old way of life and being raised to new life. Can someone read Romans 6:3-11?”

4. “Going to a graduation might remind us of when we were at school. Going to a wedding might make us wistful or romantic. Baptism Sunday is similar – it’s a chance for us to remember our own Jesus Story! Let’s take some time to share how Jesus has been at work in our lives. And don’t worry - if you are new to Jesus, or still figuring out what it means to be a Jesus follower, you are welcome to just listen or share share your journey so far.”

Some Helpful Guidelines for Sharing Our Jesus Stories

1. Set a timer so everyone has time to share
2. Give everyone an opportunity to speak. You don’t have to share if you don’t want to!
3. When you’re listening, don’t interrupt, don’t offer advice, and don’t tell your own stories
4. Ask a question or two when someone is done
5. Take time to pray for each person after they share

¹ If you didn’t have any baptisms at your service or at your campus, consider watching the baptisms from a different campus or service! While the baptisms don’t show up in the Podcast / Sermon section on the website, they are part of the livestream on YouTube. You can access the livestreamed services at <https://www.youtube.com/@wearenlcc>

Give the Speaker a copy of these questions

You can answer some, all, or none of these questions.

Keep an eye on the time so everyone can share.

Try to share one thing from each section

A. What was my life like before Jesus? Or What is my life like without Jesus right now?

- What questions was I asking?
- What were my priorities?
- How did I spend my time, energy, and attention?
- How did I feel about myself, the world, and the future?

B. How did I meet Jesus?

- Was it in a moment?
- Was it a process over time?
- When did I go from knowing about Jesus to actually believing in Jesus?
- How did I realize that I believed in Jesus?
- Is there a story that sticks out as my 'defining moment'?
- Who or what was helpful in my journey?

C. What difference has Jesus made in my life?

- What has changed from my 'Before Jesus' life?
- What does my day-to-day life look like now?
- What do I think life would look like without Jesus?
- How do I see myself, the world, other people, and the future now?
- What am I thankful for?
- What has gotten better? What is still a struggle?

D. Have I been baptized?

- If yes, what was the process like? How do I remember that moment?
- If not, what is holding me back?

E. What does the future look like?

- What questions do I still have?
- What am I hopeful about?
- What is Jesus teaching me these days?

7. "Thanks for sharing _____. Can I pray for you?" *Take time to pray for each other.*

8. "Alright, who wants to go next?"

9. "Thanks everyone! Same time next week? Who will lead / host / bring snack / etc.?"