

NOTES & QUOTES



BAPTISM *Sunday*

TALKING POINTS | MAY 30, 2021

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Baptisms sometimes make for humorous situations when everything does not go according to plan. Describe a funny moment that you observed during a baptism service.
2. How is baptism similar to a birthday?
3. If you've been baptized, reflect on your experience, then share your story.
4. What are some common questions about baptism that you have heard or have been a part of your thinking?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

5. Read Romans 6:1-7, 10. How many times do these verses reference "death"? Who's death? How is dying symbolic of our conversion to Christ? Looking specifically at verse 10, how did Christ's death provide a substitution for us?
6. How do these passages, Romans 6:1-7, 10 and Colossians 2:12-13, clearly indicate that baptism illustrates and celebrates the Gospel of Christ?
7. Why is the outward and visible sign of water in baptism so powerful in conveying the meaning of the inward and spiritual grace? See 1 Peter 3:18-22.

8. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 and Ephesians 4:4-5. How does baptism signify the unity of Christ's body? According to this passage, why was the Church intended to function as a body instead of individuals?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. If you have never been baptized, ask yourself what is preventing you from taking that step in your faith journey. If you have been baptized, ask yourself how the concept of being buried and rising again in Christ is currently being experienced in your life.
10. The church reformer Martin Luther is famous for saying, "Remember your baptism." If you have been baptized, take time this week to remember your baptism by prayerfully noting specific steps God took to rescue you.
11. Have you ever thought of baptism as a tool for discipleship? Based on the scriptures you considered in the THRIVE questions, how could we use the practice of baptism to encourage each other and spur one another on in faith on an ongoing basis?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"So in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ."

Galatians 3:26-27