

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS
"The Celebration of Baptism"
Matthew 28:19; Selected Passages
Week of January 29, 2017

CENTRAL TRUTH: Celebrate God's love for you through baptism!

GETTING STARTED:

1. Did you grow up in the church? If so, what are some of the baptism traditions you remember from your childhood? Did your church practice infant or believers (adult) baptism? Did they sprinkle or immerse people in water? If you did not grow up in church, what do you remember about the first baptism service you experienced?
2. If you have been baptized after making a decision to say "YES" to Jesus, share your baptism experience with your small group. Why was it meaningful? What difference did it make in your life?
3. How would you describe baptism to an unchurched friend who has never witnessed a baptism?

TAKING IT HOME

4. Read Romans 6:1-4 and Colossians 2:11-15. At YNCC, we believe that the Bible teaches that baptism is the outward expression of:
 - One's belief in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and
 - One's commitment to bury the old life and live a new life in Christ.

As a group, discuss the meaning and implication of each.

5. There are two extreme and erroneous views regarding the importance of baptism. Some believe it is required for salvation. But, to the contrary, the Bible teaches that we are forgiven and saved through faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). But there is the opposite error. Because baptism is not required for salvation, we could have little to no regard for it. What is the correct perspective to have?
6. Who do you want to see get baptized? What fears to you have with talking to a friend or family member about Christ?

PRAYER:

7. Pray for 3 people you would like to see accept Christ and be baptized this year.

NOTE: If you would like to make a public profession of faith in Christ through baptism, then attend our baptism prep class on Feb. 26 at 9:45a-11:15a. Applications for baptism/confirmation are available in the YNCC Office or online at ynccla.org/baptism. Baptism service will be on Sunday, March 12th.