WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS? PASTOR BRIAN FLEWELLING MARCH 16, 2025

## **WORSHIP**

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group is able to lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- On Earth As In Heaven (Red Rocks Worship)
- My King Forever (Bethel Music)
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn)

# **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

• Romans 6: 1-8, 13

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Begin your session with a prayer, thanking God for the gift of baptism and the new life we have in Christ.

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- 1. Baptism symbolizes our death to sin and resurrection to new life in Christ.
- 2. We are united with Christ in both His death and resurrection through baptism.
- 3. Baptism represents a covenant exchange with Christ dying to self and living for God.

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What stood out to you most from the sermon on baptism? Why?
- 2. Romans 6:2 says, "We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" What do you think it means to "die to sin"? How does this relate to baptism?
- 3. Verse 4 talks about living a "new life." In what ways have you experienced or observed this new life in Christ, either in your own life or in others?
- 4. How does the imagery of being "buried with him through baptism into death" (v. 4) help us understand the significance of baptism?
- 5. Verse 13 instructs us not to offer ourselves to sin but to God. What are some practical ways we can live this out daily?
- 6. For those who have been baptized, can you share your experience? How did it impact your faith journey?
- 7. For those who haven't been baptized, what questions or hesitations do you have about baptism?

# PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- 1. **Reflection:** Take some time this week to write down how your life has changed since committing to Christ (or if you haven't yet, what changes you'd hope to see).
- 2. **Action:** Identify one area in your life where you need to "die to self" and live more fully for God. Make a plan to address this area.
- 3. **Encouragement:** If you know someone who was baptized recently, reach out to encourage them in their faith journey.
- 4. **Study:** Read through Romans 6 in its entirety this week, reflecting on how it expands on the concepts discussed in the sermon.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Close the session by praying for each group member, asking God to help each person live out their baptismal covenant daily.