



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *In Dying, I'm Living*
Service Date(s): April 7, 2024
Romans 6:1-4

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What are some memorable locations or situations in which you've seen baptisms performed (i.e. a frozen lake)?

Sermon Discussion

- In a society that encourages individualism, we often don't like words such as "expected", "commanded", or "required". But the Bible gives a clear picture that we must surrender everything, including our desires, in order to follow Jesus- no part is optional. Why do you think the idea of surrendering everything to God is such a difficult thing to do?
- If you have been baptized, what was the setting, your age, who baptized you, etc.? What was it that made you want to be baptized? Were there any circumstances that made it difficult for you to decide (i.e. I was sprinkled as an infant and didn't want to offend my parents)?
- What are common reasons individuals give for not being baptized- personal opinions, family heritage, theological beliefs, something else?
- Knowing that someone must humbly surrender themselves to be baptized, what does this say about those who know what the Bible says but refuse to follow? What do you think a Christian's response should be to a loved one who decides not to be baptized?
- Someone may ask you at some point in life- Why do I need to be baptized? Do you think if I'm not baptized I won't go to heaven? After listening to the sermon, what might your response be?

- Have you considered that we are to be baptized as Jesus was baptized? This is another example of how Jesus was made to be like us, as humans, even though He was without sin. In thinking about this act of Jesus being baptized, what thoughts come to mind about His character?
- Galatians 3:26-27 says, “So in Christ you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” What does it mean to be “clothed” with Christ?
- In baptism, we are responding to what God has done through Christ. He has done the work; we only need to respond and live faithfully. What do you think the concept of “living out your baptism” would imply? How does this impact your walk with Christ?

Resources

Book- *Set Free: What the Bible Says about Grace* by Jack Cottrell

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.