



WEEKEND RESOURCES | JUNE 30, 2024

Baptism Weekend | Show is Better Than Tell

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: We know a picture is worth a thousand words because it is better to show than just tell. Baptisms powerfully illustrate what happens when Jesus intersects our lives and we start to follow him. They are the public declaration of the private decision that we have made to become a follower of Jesus.

» Main Points

- You can grow up in a Christian home, hang out with other Christians, look and talk like a Christian, and still NOT be WITH Jesus.
- Being FOR Jesus is different than being WITH Jesus.
- Baptism is an outward sign of an inward grace.
- You don't have to understand everything to believe in something!

» Getting Started

- How have you experienced that following Jesus Makes Life Better?

» Observation

- Read and reflect on [Romans 6:4-8](#); [Luke 22:54-60](#); [Acts 2:14, 36-39](#)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

reachout

- Miracles are a part of life if you are a follower of Jesus. It may take a miracle for your friend/neighbor/family member ever to follow Jesus. Start praying for that miracle this week.

growdeep

- What is difficult or complicated to believe about Jesus, salvation, and/or baptism? In what ways have the questions prevented you from following Jesus fully?
- Describe the differences between being a “fan” of Jesus and being “with” Jesus.
- Reread the passage in Luke. Then read [John 21:15-19](#). What stands out to you in these two moments? What impact do you think these had on Peter and on his ability to deliver his message in Acts 2?

partner with families

- Take some time with your family this week to have an open-ended conversation about baptism. Here are some questions to help you get started: What does baptism mean to you? Why do you think people get baptized? What does it mean to trust Jesus? Why do you think people choose to follow Jesus?

» Next Steps and Prayer

- After the people heard Peter's speech in Acts 2:37-39, they asked what to do. Peter gives clear and simple instructions: *“Change your life. Turn to God and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins are forgiven. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”* He then tells them who can do this: *“The promise is targeted to you and your children, but also to all who are far away.”*
- Spend some time praying for those who are close to you relationally but far from God spiritually, that they would come to know Jesus and choose to follow him.