

Life Group Notes
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Title: Water Baptisms

Water Baptism

There are foreshadows of baptism in the Old Testament accounts of Noah and Moses. God's people have a history of beginning their journeys to new hope, promised land by being delivered through water.

What is baptism?

Meaning: 'To immerse, plunge, fully submerge'

RFC believes full submersion is best expression of baptism as seen in scriptures.

Sacrament (physical action with a spiritual effect)

Divine action not human activity (someone else baptises us!)

Sign of conversion not means of conversion

Inextricably linked to repentance

Why get baptised?/What does baptism symbolise?

1. Obedience – Jesus commands it and disciples seek to willingly obey. Matt 28: 18-19
2. Acts out sins being washed away. Acts 22:16
3. Death of sinful nature. Rom 6:3-4
4. Resurrection to new life in Christ. Rom 6:3-4
5. Become members of God's household. Gal 3:27

Why shouldn't I be baptised? Acts 8: 35-38

The eunuch responds to the gospel with an immediate willingness to get baptised. We separate repentance and baptism but they aren't separated in the scriptures. Baptism is part of the disciples' journey.

FYI: Next baptisms – 29th Oct 2017

Questions:

1. What were you reminded of/stirred by/struck afresh from talk on baptism?
2. What does baptism teach us about God?
3. Which element of why?/what does baptism symbolise? resonated with you most when you got baptised?
4. Read Acts 8:32-35. How would you talk about the good news of Jesus from this Isaiah passage (as Phillip did!)?
5. Spend time in prayer thanking God for his work of grace in our lives
6. Is there anyone in the group who hasn't been baptised? Would they be willing to talk about why they haven't yet. Why shouldn't they be baptised on 29th Oct?