MEMBER'S GUIDE

CHRISTIAN(ESE)

Baptism - Mark 1:1-11 and Matthew 28:19-20



GETTING STARTED

<u>Let's do life together!/Opening Discussion</u>: Welcome to your LIFEgroup; how was your week, did anyone see God do something in their life this past week? Did anyone get an opportunity to share the Gospel? Did anyone invite a friend to LG or church this week? Please tell us or share your **story**.

<u>Our Subject Today</u>: This week we continue in our sermon series, CHRISTIAN(ESE) and will dig deeper into the Christian doctrine of Baptism. This study will set the biblical foundation on the subject of baptism so you can defend the faith and understand how to help someone who needs or wants to be baptized.

VIDEO NOTES/QUESTIONS

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1) Pastor David began the service by saying that baptism "may" be the most controversial doctrine of them all, at least in our culture. Why is that? Take a moment and share with your LIFEgroup how you were baptized and what lead up to that event.
- 2) In the N.T., and specifically in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, it's interesting to note that while Jesus' earthly ministry lasted only about three years, He chose to begin and end his ministry with the same thing: Baptism! Discuss the following question: "Since baptism was the bookends of Jesus' ministry, why do you think it is important that we take baptism seriously?"

Read Mark 1-5

3) Who should be baptized? For what reason should people be baptized?

Read Acts 8:12-13; 8:34-40; and Acts 16:29-33

4) What is the emerging pattern in the verse? Why is it so important to follow this pattern?



APPLICATION QUESTIONS (cont.)

Read *Mark 1:9-10*

5) If Jesus came up out of the water, where do you think Jesus had been?

Read I John 1:7 and Romans 6:1-5

6) Is baptism a requirement for salvation or does baptism make us saved?

SUMMARY (My Take-Away for This Week)

WORK OUT (This Week's Assignments)

This Week:

- I will pray and ask God "should I be baptized"
- I will obey God if he says I should be baptized
- I will talk to a pastor about being baptized at the outdoor baptism celebration, in a weekend service, or a private baptism

MY NEXT STEPS FROM THE WEEKEND WORSHIP

- Today, I will sign up for the outdoor baptism celebration next Saturday, October 13 at 6:30PM (sign up outside worship center or in lobby of overflow).
- This week, I will email Pastor David at dwhitten@fishhawkfc.org to talk more about scheduling my baptism on another date.
- This week, I will pray for those within our church who need to obey Christ and follow Him in baptism by immersion, after salvation.
- This week, I will memorize Acts 2:38 "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ."

HOW MY GROUP CAN PRAY FOR ME THIS WEEK

