

REDISCOVER **JESUS. CHURCH. OUR JOURNEY**

“The Essentials to Finding Your Way”

Lesson 3 “WHY WATER BAPTISM IS IMPORTANT TO YOU” **(Matthew 28:18-20; John 14:21; Acts 2:41; 8:36-39;** **Col. 2:12; Romans 6:1-14)**

♥ **Group Opener:** *(Choose a question for your life group to discuss.)*

1. What is one of the most important decisions you have ever made? How has it affected your life?
2. When have you known that you should do something, but you procrastinated and put it off?

♪ **Worship and Waiting on God:**

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. Before worship begins pray over the leader and invite the Holy Spirit to use them.

✎ **Group Facilitator** – *It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your small group.*

1. What does each of the following verses teach you about baptism?

“Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.’” Mat 28:18-20

“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” John 14:21

“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” Acts 2:41

“For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.” Col. 2:12

“As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ And he ordered the

chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.” Acts 8:36-39

2. What is God speaking to you (personally & specifically) from these passages?
3. If you have been baptized, share with your group how you made your decision to do so. Was another believer helpful in your decision?
4. What took place in your life at your Baptism? After Baptism? Did God move in a special way?
5. Do you know of any other believers who have not yet been water baptized? What might you say to them to help them understand their need to take this step?

✓ **Selah (Stop and Think about it):** *(Take the time to make personal application of this section. Have each member share with the group.)*

- Have you been baptized since you repented and placed your faith in Christ? If you have not yet been baptized, what needs to happen that would help you to take that step?