

GRACE POINT

Going Public

Matthew 28:19; Mark 7:4; Luke 11:38

1. What was most memorable, challenging, or encouraging from the message this week?
2. If you grew up going to church, talk about your perceptions of baptism and whether they were influenced by a particular tradition. If you didn't grow up going to church, what did you think of baptism?
3. Do you agree with the way Grace Point baptizes believers or does it make you uncomfortable? Explain.
4. If you've been baptized since accepting Christ, talk about your experience. Were you nervous? How did it benefit you?
5. How does it make you feel when you realize you are connected through baptism, not only with Christ, but also with Christians all over the world and throughout history?
6. Read Matthew 28:16-20. Why would Jesus place such an emphasis on a public profession of faith through baptism?
7. If you haven't been baptized, how do you think your story of coming to faith in Jesus might benefit others?

MOVING FORWARD

Think about the countless people who have shared in the Christian practice of baptism, from a remote tribe in Pakistan to a middle class church in Topeka, Kansas. Baptism isn't a condition of salvation; it's evidence of salvation. If you're a Christian and you've never been baptized, you need to be baptized. It's a point of obedience. What's stopping you?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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