LEADER TRAINING

WINTER 2026-27
Unit 3, Session 3

BAPTISM: A PICTURE OF LIFE CHANGE

ACTS 8:26-40

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

What are students discussing this week?

LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

CHURCH

Baptism is one of the ordinances of the church, which represents our sharing in Jesus's death and resurrection.

THE QUESTION

What does baptism tell the world?

THE POINT

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MEMORY VERSE

Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.

Acts 8:35, CSB

What should I consider when leading students in this discussion?

Show students baptism is not necessary for salvation; it's not an issue of salvation but an issue of obedience. We do it because God commands us to do it.

Stay sensitive to students who come from backgrounds or currently attend churches that teach baptism is necessary for salvation. If helpful or needed, give additional biblical examples of people being assured of salvation who were never baptized. An example of this would be the thief on the cross next to Jesus.

How can I pray for students this week?

PRAY

Pray for students who are wrestling with being baptized. Encourage them that salvation comes first and then walk them through the importance of baptism. (Note: It's always helpful to share with your pastor or student pastor when you are having these conversations with students.)