

Following Jesus: Baptism

March 1, 2020

Main text: Romans 6:1-11

Warming Up

1. Have you ever been baptized? If so, when? Who baptized you? What was the experience like? How long was it between the time you trusted Christ and the time you got baptized? Why do you think it was that amount of time in between?

Knowing the Gospel...

2. Read Mark 1:9-11 and Matthew 3:13-17 and discuss: If baptism is a sign and symbol of someone's regeneration and new birth through repentance why do you think Jesus got baptized? Matt. 3:14, 2 Cor. 5:21

3. What do you think is the significance of the Holy Spirit coming onto Jesus in Matt. 3:17? See also Isaiah 42:1 and John 1:29-34. What do you think is significant about the voice from heaven and what it says?

4. Check out these verses and discuss the activity of the Spirit's role in Jesus' life. How did he minister to Jesus? Lk 1:35, 3:21-22, 4:1, 14-15, 18-21, Matt. 3:13, 4:1, Is. 11:1-2, Acts 1:2, 10:38, Heb. 9:14

Living the Gospel...

5. Check out the following verses and list all the Spirit's activities in a believers life. How have you seen these works of the Spirit in your life? Jn. 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:13 Acts 4:31, Rom. 8:1, 9-11,16, 27, 1 Cor. 6:19, 1 Cor. 12:4-5, 2 Cor. 5:5, Eph. 1:13-14, 2:18, 2:22, Gal. 5:22-25

6. Read Romans 8:1-11 and Romans 6:11-14. What does it mean to be dead to sin and alive to righteousness? What's the Spirit's role in this?

7. How do you know when someone is ready to be baptized? For those who have young children or grandchildren, how do you know when a child is ready to be baptized? What are some things you can listen for, watch for, questions you can ask them?

Telling the Gospel...

9. How is baptism a picture of the gospel?

10. Take up the challenge to pray for someone in your life that you know is apathetic or even antagonistic towards Jesus. Take up the stiffer challenge to tell them you love them and are praying for them.

Next Week: No sermon questions. Dan Masters from Wheaton College will be speaking on Ruth 1.

