

February 8 – *Baptism Sunday* - “Dead, Buried, and Raised”

Sermon Discussion Guide

Icebreaker:

Think about a meaningful milestone or celebration you've experienced (a wedding, graduation, birth, or recommitment moment).

- What made that moment powerful or memorable?
- Why do you think we need moments that mark change or transition in our lives?

Discussion Questions

1. Baptism as a Public Declaration

Baptism was described as a public profession of an inward transformation.

- Why do you think God designed faith to be expressed publicly, not just privately?
- How does watching others be baptized impact your own faith?

2. Dead, Buried, and Raised (Romans 6:1–10)

Romans 6 connects baptism directly to Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

- Which part of that picture—death to sin, burial of the old self, or being raised to new life—stands out most to you right now?
- Why do you think Paul places baptism between justification (salvation) and sanctification (daily transformation)?

3. More Than a Symbol

The sermon emphasized that baptism isn't just something we observe, but something we live out.

- What does it look like to “walk in newness of life” after baptism?
- Where do you see the tension between who you were and who God is calling you to become?

4. Faith, Family, and Community

Baptism and dedication were described as family celebrations and covenant moments.

- How does the presence of the church family strengthen moments of faith and obedience?
- What role do we play in supporting those who are taking steps of faith, whether baptism, dedication, or renewal?

Takeaway:

Baptism reminds us that following Jesus is not just about believing something new—it's about becoming someone new. In Christ, the old life is put to death, buried, and replaced with resurrection life empowered by the Spirit.

This week, reflect on this question:

What part of my old life needs to stay buried so I can more fully live the new life Christ has given me?

Celebrate what God has done—and live like the resurrection is real.