

Romans 6:1–10

## Sermon Discussion Guide

### Introduction

After Easter, the natural question becomes: “**So what?**”

If Jesus died and rose again, how does that affect *me* today? This sermon teaches that baptism is one of the clearest answers Scripture gives—it is where the hope of Easter becomes personal. Baptism is not merely a ritual; it is a declaration that Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection have become our own story.

### 1. Baptism Connects My Story to Jesus’ Story

**Key Scripture:** Romans 6:3–5

Baptism is where believers publicly identify with Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection. It symbolizes that our old life has died and we are raised into a new life in Christ.

**Discussion Questions:**

- Why do you think God gave us a physical act like baptism to represent a spiritual reality?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus’ death becomes *your* death and His resurrection becomes *your* new life?
- How does baptism help make Easter personal rather than merely historical?

### 2. Baptism Marks Our Entrance into the Family of God

**Key Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:12–14

Through the Holy Spirit, believers are baptized into the Body of Christ. Salvation is not just personal—it joins us to a spiritual family and mission.

**Discussion Questions:**

- How does becoming part of the Body of Christ change the way you think about church?
- Why is it important that faith is not meant to be lived in isolation?
- How have other believers helped shape your faith journey?

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### 3. Baptism Calls Us to Walk in New Life

**Key Scripture:** Romans 6:6–7; Galatians 5:22–25

Baptism is not only about what happened *to* us—it shapes how we now live. Those raised with Christ are called to live differently through the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Discussion Questions:

- Which part of the Fruit of the Spirit do you most need to grow in right now?
- What old habits or identities do you need to leave buried in the water?
- In what practical ways does your life reflect that you have been “raised with Christ”?

### 4. Delayed Obedience Is Still Disobedience

**Key Scripture:** Acts 22:16

For believers who have not yet been baptized, Scripture presents baptism as the natural next step of obedience after saying yes to Jesus.

#### Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think some Christians delay baptism?
- If you have been baptized, what motivated you to take that step?
- If you have not been baptized, what may be holding you back?

### Takeaway

Baptism is the answer to the “**So What?**” of Easter.

It is where resurrection hope becomes personal, public, and practical. If you have been baptized, remember what it means and live in the power of that new life. If you have not been baptized and have trusted Christ, ask honestly: **What is keeping you from obedience?**

#### Closing Challenge:

Spend time this week reflecting on whether your life is visibly shaped by the reality of being dead to sin and alive in Christ.