

Baptism Weekend 2021 – Pastor Mark Pope June 26 & 27, 2021

- 1. Pastor Mark opened with some humorous images of baptism. Has the idea of baptism ever seemed odd to you? Do you have a memorable baptism story you can share?
- 2. At The Vineyard, we prepare for baptism with a class and share our testimony publicly before we are baptized. What is the importance of attending a baptism class and sharing your testimony? How can taking these steps be helpful in the journey?
- 3. Read Isaiah 64:6 and Hebrews 10:11-14. Baptism is more than a ceremony. What do these verses teach us about the deeper meaning of baptism?
- 4. Pastor Mark shared that baptism is about our need for a spiritual bath. What are some areas that we all could use help cleaning up? Why can't we do it on our own?
- 5. Read Isaiah 12:2. Baptism is an outward sign of you saying you trust God. Why do you think this is sometimes difficult? Does trusting God come easy for you or is it a challenge? Explain.
- 6. Pastor Mark shared that baptism celebrates a believer's beautiful future. How does baptism impact your life now? What do you have to look forward to?
- 7. Reflect on what you learned about God as you listened to testimonies this weekend. Was there a testimony that really impacted you? When was the last time you said, "I trust you God?" What happened?
- 8. Pray together as a group and ask God if he is calling you to surrender or recommit an area of your life today. How can you support each other in taking this next step? What is your next step?