



WEEK 39: BAPTISM DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. If you've been baptized, share your story. When was it and why did you decide to be baptized?
2. How did your understanding of a sacrament (as defined on page 263 & 266-267) change this week?
 - a. How is this different than a symbol?
 - b. What is happening spiritually when someone is physically baptized?
3. What do you think are people's greatest objections to baptism?
4. How does baptism reflect the life of Jesus or even "preach" without words?
5. Read Acts 2:41; 8:12; 10:48; 16:33; and 22:16. What led up to each person being baptized?
6. Is the step of baptism the individual asking to be part of the church community or the individual inviting the church community to be part of their life? What is the difference, and why does it matter?
7. If someone asked you, "Why should I be baptized?" what would you say, in your own words?

ACTION STEPS

This week you were challenged to be baptized. Is there anyone in the group who is working through that decision? What is holding you back? How can the group encourage and support you through this?