

## Be Baptized

**Key Passages:** Matthew 28:19, Matthew 3:13-17, Acts 8:26-40

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### BELONG

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**Ice Breaker Question:** Have you ever had a moment in life where you publicly identified with something important to you (a team, a cause, a family name)? How did that experience shape you?

*Leader Notes: Encourage participants to share experiences like joining a team, wearing a uniform, or taking on a new role that identified them with something greater. Sample Answer: "When I got married, I took on a new last name. It didn't change who I was, but it publicly declared a new identity and commitment."*

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### BELIEVE

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#### 1. Read Romans 6:4. What Does Baptism Represent?

*Leader Notes: Baptism symbolizes: Death to the old life (going under the water). Resurrection to new life in Christ (coming up from the water). A public declaration of faith. Baptism is an identity statement: "I am with Jesus, and He is in me." It is a visible declaration of an invisible reality—that we have been made new in Christ.*

#### 2. Why Should I Be Baptized? Read Matthew 28:19 and Matthew 3:15. How is Baptism like a wedding ring?

*Leader Notes: Help the group see that Jesus' baptism was an act of obedience and an example for us to follow. Pastor David mentioned that baptism is like wearing a wedding ring—it's an outward sign of an inward commitment. Baptism is the first step of obedience for a follower of Jesus. Just like a wedding ring doesn't make you married but shows your commitment, baptism doesn't save us but publicly declares our faith.*

#### 3. Can I Be a Follower of Jesus and Not Be Baptized? Read Acts 8:36-38. What do you think keeps some people from getting baptized?

*Leader Notes: The Ethiopian Eunuch believed and was baptized immediately. Baptism is not what makes you a Christian, but it is the expected step of obedience. Every believer in the New Testament was baptized after salvation. Address common fears—being in front of people, feeling unworthy, or thinking it's unnecessary. Sample Answer: "I used to think I had to 'fix my life' first, but now I understand baptism is just the beginning of my journey."*



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## BECOME

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### 1. If you haven't been baptized or you think you need to be baptized again, what is holding you back?

*Leader Notes: Create a safe space for reflection and action steps. Sample Answer: "I've been nervous, but I know it's time to take this step of obedience." If you were baptized as an infant or before you understood and professed faith in Christ, it is an opportunity to be obedient and follow Jesus' example. In Acts 19:4-5 Some were baptized again when they fully understood Jesus. If your first baptism was not based on your own faith in Christ, then being baptized as a believer is a step of obedience.*

### 2. How can you use your baptism testimony to impact others?

*Leader Notes: Challenge participants to share their faith and invite others to be baptized. Sample Answer: "I have a friend who's been hesitant—I want to share with them why baptism matters."*

