

# CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

James: Faith in Real Life – October 5, 2025

**Big Idea:** Just do it – repent and be baptized

## Ice Breaker

Share a favorite slogan/catchphrase or commercial

## Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon:

- Specific people may have put Jesus on the cross but all of our sin sent Him there.
- Repentance is turning away from sin and toward God.
- Any direction other than the direction of Jesus is the wrong direction.
- Baptism is an expected very next step after salvation - not an optional add-on feature to salvation.
- Baptism is a symbol pointing back to what has happened and pointing ahead to what will continue to happen.

## Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below:

- What was your biggest takeaway from this message?
- Did anything in the message challenge you, confuse you, or encourage you?

## Making it Personal

Reflect on the message with your group:

- Have you ever hesitated and been tentative about doing something, and told yourself, *Just do it*, and then did it? What was it?
- If you've been baptized, what led up to that decision for you? If you haven't yet been baptized, what questions or hesitations do you have about it?
- God's free grace saves us, not anything we do to add to it. Did you ever have doubts about this truth, or struggle to live your life in a way that reflects your beliefs?
- When are you most often tempted to go in a direction other than the direction of Jesus? How do you get turned back around to the right way? Who/what helps you?

## Scripture Review

Revisit these passages and discuss:

- Acts 2:36–38 – Who was responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus? What gift is promised to those who repent and are baptized? What emotion rises up in you when you think about those two things?

## Diving Deeper

Explore additional Scriptures that connect to this week's message:

- **Old Testament:** Psalm 34:17-19; Proverbs 11:25, Ezekiel 36:25-27, Joel 2:12-13, Isaiah 55:6-7. Psalm 51:10-12, Micah 6:8
- **New Testament:** Romans 6:3-4; Ephesians 2:8–9; Colossians 2:12, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Galatians 3:26-27, Titus 3:4-7, 2 Timothy 1:7

## Application & Action

God's word in Acts 2 makes it very clear we are called to move beyond simply hearing God's Word to taking clear, practical steps of obedience. For some, that step may be **repentance**—turning away from sin and the wrong directions of life. For others, it may be **baptism**, publicly declaring the new life they have in Christ. And for all of us, it includes **sharing Jesus**, inviting others to experience the same hope and transformation we have received. God calls each of us to respond, not with hesitation, but with obedience, demonstrating our faith in action.

## Revisit the Word

- Read Acts 2:36–38 aloud again. Before reading, pause and ask: “Jesus, what step do You want me to take in obedience this week?”

## Personal Reflection

- Take 2–3 minutes in silence: “What is one area where I need to repent, be baptized, or share Jesus this week? How can I prepare myself to take that step in obedience?” Write down your answer.

## Group Discussion

- **Listening to Jesus:** What conviction or prompting from God stood out to you this week about the next step He is calling you to take—repent, be baptized, or share? Where is Jesus inviting you to move in obedience rather than delay?
- **Walking with Him:** What practical step can you take this week to act on what God is calling you to do? This might include confessing sin, scheduling your baptism, or initiating a conversation to share Jesus with someone.
- **Anchoring in His Word:** Which verse will you hold onto this week to remind you of God's clear call to obey Him (e.g., James 1:22, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4)?
- **Leaning on His People:** Who can you invite to pray with you, encourage you, or hold you accountable as you take the next step of obedience this week? Who can you encourage to take their next step of obedience?
- **Growing in His Likeness:** How might responding to God's call this week—repentance, baptism, or sharing—shape you into greater faithfulness, humility, and dependence on Him?
- **Action Step:** Finish this sentence: “This week I will obey God by...”

## Prayer

Close your group time by praying over each person's action step.

Example: “Lord, help [name] respond to Your call with obedience this week. Give them courage to repent, boldness to follow through with baptism, and wisdom to share Jesus with someone. May they experience Your power and joy as they take these steps.”

## Daily 2-Minute Practice: Just Do It

- **Repent (30 seconds):** Reflect quietly and ask God to reveal any wrong directions in your life. Pray, “Lord, I turn from this sin and choose Your way.”
- **Commit (1 minute):** Identify one practical step to act on repentance, baptism, or sharing this week. Pray for courage and guidance to take that step.
- **Reflect & Carry (30 seconds):** Read Romans 6:4 or James 1:22. Let this verse remind you that action follows conviction and faith. Carry it with you as motivation to obey daily.