

# Live It Out

Connect Group Guide - 8.24.25

## Opening Prayer

## Key Takeaways:

1. Baptism is identification with Christ
2. Baptism is an act of obedience
3. Baptism serves as a public testimony
4. Baptism points to new life in Christ

## Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Mike compared baptism to a "tattoo" showing who we belong to. How does this analogy help you understand the significance of baptism?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to be baptized even though He was sinless? What does this teach us about obedience?
3. The message mentioned that "baptism is your first sermon without words." What message does baptism convey to believers and non-believers alike?
4. How does the act of baptism strengthen the faith of the church community?
5. Pastor Mike emphasized the difference between "having to" be baptized versus "getting to" be baptized. How does this shift in perspective change your view of baptism?
6. In what ways does baptism symbolize dying to our old self and being raised to new life in Christ?
7. How can we ensure that baptism doesn't become just another item to check off our spiritual to-do list?

## Practical Applications:

1. If you haven't been baptized, prayerfully consider taking this step of obedience. Discuss any hesitations or questions you may have with the group.

2. For those who have been baptized, reflect on that experience. How has your life changed since then? Share with the group.
3. Think of ways to celebrate and support those in our church community who choose to be baptized. How can we make it a meaningful experience for them?
4. Commit to regularly examining your spiritual walk. Are you living out the new life symbolized by your baptism?
5. If you're struggling in your faith, consider "renewing your vows" to Christ through prayer and recommitment, much like the symbolism of baptism.

## **Closing Prayer:**

Thank God for the gift of baptism and its powerful symbolism. Ask for His help in living out our commitment to Christ daily.