



## Baptism

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## **HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

### **GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, read [Colossians 2:12-15 \(MSG\)](#) and [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#) then answer the following discussion questions.

### **SOCIAL TIME (10-15 minutes)**

Choose an ice breaker from Emmanuel's [leader tools](#), or create your own.

### **CHECK-IN (15-20 minutes)**

Ask the group what they learned after completing their action step. Last week's question was, "What is your plan to actively engage in the ongoing electoral conversation yet still maintain influence for God's kingdom?"

### **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)**

Baptism declares that you are a follower of Jesus Christ. It is a public confession of your faith in, and commitment to, Jesus Christ. It is the next step after salvation through repentance and faith and is an important foundation for Christian life.

1. Why do you think so many proclaim to have said the sinner's prayer but never take the step of baptism?

2. What is the meaning and significance of baptism?

Read [Acts 2:41 \(NLT\)](#). Who should be baptized?

Read [Acts 8:12 \(NLT\)](#) and [Acts 8:35-38 \(NLT\)](#). When should we be baptized?

Read [Matthew 3:16 \(NLT\)](#). How are we to be baptized?

3. Baptism symbolizes a new life found in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Why is it important for people who've made the decision to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord to be baptized?

**The baptized life is a life of obedience.** Read [Matthew 11:28-29 \(NLT\)](#). How does "rest for the soul" and obedience work together?

**The baptized life lets go of the old and embraces the new.** Read [Ephesians 4:22-24 \(NLT\)](#). What are you hanging on to and what should replace it?



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**The baptized life is a life of spiritual strength.** Read [Philippians 4:13 \(NLT\)](#). How do we access spiritual strength?

**The baptized life is a life of continual grace.** Read [Romans 8:1 \(NLT\)](#). How does it make you feel to know God provides his children with an unlimited amount of grace?

4. If you haven't been baptized, what's holding you back?

If you have not yet been baptized, will you create a plan to be baptized?

If you have been baptized, what do you need to do to experience more of the baptized life?

### **ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)**

Choose one of the following or create your own.

- **Get baptized.** Text [BAPTISM to 65248](#) and register for the next baptism service at Emmanuel.
- **Daily time with God.** Determine the type of routine you'd like to have to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:
  - o [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
  - o [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do daily.
  - o Purchase a [Jesus Calling](#) devotional and read it daily.
  - o Devote time daily to using the [Bible Project](#) and the video teaching offered.
- **Memorize Scripture.** Choose one of the verses from the discussion questions above. Meditate on it daily and have it memorized to share with the group next time you meet.

### **FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.**

My action step is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I will encourage \_\_\_\_\_ to complete their action step.

Their action step is \_\_\_\_\_.

My memory verse is \_\_\_\_\_.

This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:

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_____	_____
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**Baptism****PRAYER (5-10 minutes)**

Give everyone in your group an index card. Ask them to write their name and action steps on one side and a prayer request on the other. When finished, have everyone pass their cards to the left. Everyone in the group now has someone to connect with throughout the coming week for three reasons:

- 1) To build the relationship
- 2) To encourage to accomplish their action step
- 3) To pray for in a specific way

Ask them to place the index card on their nightstand or another place that would allow them to see it and use it every day.

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**GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne Schafer, Emmanuel's Outreach Coordinator, at [bschafer@eclife.org](mailto:bschafer@eclife.org).

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**Baptism****MIDDLE SCHOOL OBJECT LESSON & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Watch this to help you answer a few questions kids usually have about baptism.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ujy-hp2rLdk>

1. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
2. What is baptism, and why do people get baptized?
3. What's confusing about baptism?
4. Who should get baptized?
5. When should we get baptized?
6. How should we be baptized?

**Object Lesson for Baptism:**

Find a plastic doll you can submerge under water, like a Ken doll. You'll also need a plastic, see-through container big enough to submerge Ken in. Fill the tub with water.

You can explain that Ken has made the decision to trust in Jesus Christ and wants to show everyone his desire to follow Jesus by getting baptized.

Before being baptized, Ken represents his old life – sinful and living without a relationship with Jesus.

After being submersed, Ken now represents a new life – clean and in a life-changing relationship with Jesus that helps him live a life that pleases God – kind, gentle, patient, loving, etc.

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