

This is a Discussion Guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions provided below are for Home Group Leaders to utilize in facilitating discussions with their group. Home Group Leaders are encouraged to take these questions, re-arrange them, omit as required, add as required and change as required in order to best create a close Christian family that feels safe and secure to be open about their lives and their Christian walk. Please tailor as necessary based upon your leadership style and group dynamics.

I am not “married” to this product and I would love any critiques, questions, comments, etc... in order to make this product better for you and your group. Please feel free to email me (Michael Griffin) at airforce_griffin@yahoo.com

ICE BREAKER:

What was your experience with Baptism?

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 8:26-39

Ephesians 2:8

Acts 16:31-33

Acts 18:8

Matthew 28:19

Romans 6:3-5

Colossians 2:12

Galatians 3:27

Matthew 3:13-17

QUESTIONS:

- Read Acts 8:26-39 – What are some truths we can know about the eunuch?
 - He was already pursuing God (v. 27b-28)
 - He was humble (v. 31)
 - He was open and honest about his questions (i.e. he was not worried about being perceived as ignorant, etc...) (v.34)
 - He wanted to be fully obedient to God. It was not “what is the minimum I have to do” rather “how can I obey and please God.” (v. 36)
- What are some truths we can know about Philip?
 - He was open and willing to be an agent of God (v. 26-27)
 - God told him to go, Philip went. He did not ask why or any of that. He was just obedient.
 - Philip did not know the eunuch but it is obvious that the eunuch was of power and prestige. This did not intimidate Philip. He just shared the Gospel and let God do the work. (v. 35)
 - Philip had obviously spent some time studying God’s Word (v. 35)

- What did Baptism look like in Acts 8:26-39?
- Was Jesus Baptized? (Matthew 3:13-17) Why was Jesus baptized?
- What does Baptism represent? (Colossians 2:12)
- Pastor Rick compared Baptism to a wedding covenant and a wedding ring. What did he say?
- Where did sprinkling or pouring water Baptism originate from? (Didache – “the practice was to be considered as a possible alternative of last resort in case of scarcity of water”)
 - The Didache was a “Christian manual” written before most likely between AD 70 and AD 100.
 - Think of it as a church manual for Christians
 - Four parts
 - First – “Two Ways, the Way of Life and the Way of Death”
 - Second – How to perform rituals such as baptism, fasting and Communion
 - Third – Ministry and how to deal with traveling teachers
 - Fourth – Reminder that Jesus is coming again, exhortations to live for Christ
- Why is Baptism such a controversial topic amongst the Christian community?
 - Should we follow church tradition or Scripture?
- Who is authorized to Baptize? (Matthew 28:19)
 - All believers are
- How would you respond to someone who says they are a believer but do not want to get baptized? Or that they are a believer and were baptized as an infant?
- What was your Baptism experience?
- How would you respond to someone who said they walked the aisle at age 9, was baptized, lived a “Contemporary Christian” kind of life with the infrequent bouts of wanting to walk obediently but not really bearing any fruit. Then at age 27 decided to truly and fully commit themselves to Christ and was Baptized again. Was it wrong to get Baptized again?
- When should Baptism occur?