

Going Public: BAPTISM

Context

This week we'll be taking a look at the topic of baptism. Baptism is an incredible celebration both for the person being baptized and for the church that is looking on. Whether you are in a place where baptism is a next step in your faith journey, or you've already been baptized, it is important to have a biblical understanding of why we do baptism as it can easily be misunderstood.

Questions for Study

1. Read Romans 6:3-6. Describe the picture that we get from this text. What does baptism demonstrate?
2. Have you been baptized? If so, when did it take place for you and what were the circumstances surrounding it?
3. Read Acts 2:38. What did Peter say to do before a person was to be baptized?
4. How was Jesus baptized (see Matthew 3:13-17)?
5. What is the pattern for how a person is baptized demonstrated in the New Testament (see Acts 8:26-38).
6. When a person is baptized, why is it a celebration? What all is being celebrated (see Eph 2:1-5)? What does baptism mean for the person being baptized? What does it mean for the church that is getting to watch?
7. Is it disobedient to not be baptized? Why?
8. What will baptism *not* do for a person? Why is this important to know?
9. How can a person have a relationship with Jesus (see Eph 2:8-9)?
10. If someone asked you when they should be baptized what would you say to them?