

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Baptism Service: Acts 2

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. Watch both baptism services posted to the website for November 13, 2016 and consider the specific things that God has done in the lives of those baptized. Be encouraged that your God is so personal!
2. Consider Matthew 3:13-17 and the words of God. Could have these same words be proclaimed by God over those who were baptized on Sunday? Why or why not?
3. What is the meaning(s) of baptism and why should we be baptized after believing in Christ? (References: Romans 6:4, II Corinthians 5:17, Matthew 28: 19 – 20, Matthew 3: 13 – 17, etc.)
4. The gospel is simple in its message, but so many find it difficult to accept. As mentioned in one of the testimonies this morning, it took a while before there was recognition that one was truly sinful and needed a Saviour. What are some possible reasons that this one issue of sin is such an obstacle for so many?
5. From John 3:16 – how would you explain the meaning of the word “believe” to a non-Christian? (Reference to Acts 2:37)
6. Read Acts 2 - even though the story ends well, the fact that some doubted and mocked the apostles seems like it could be a blemish on the story. Why do you believe that Luke chose to include the doubters in this story?

7. Consider the benefits of God's gift of tongues in Acts 2:1-8. Compare that to the teaching on tongues in 1 Cor 14:1-6.
8. The Holy Spirit was sent to us as a gift from God as shown in Acts 1:8. What evidence can you share that the Holy Spirit is residing and working within you?
9. Read Acts 2: 17 – 22 (ref. Joel 2: 28 – 32). Here Peter stood up to the people of Israel and reminded them that Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to them through miracles, wonders and signs. Recall some of the many miracles that Jesus performed during His brief ministry on earth.
10. Related to the previous question, read also John 20:29 . There were many who did see but still did not believe. Recall from your own life, what was it that caused you to “see the light” and accept Jesus Christ to be your Saviour?
11. Pastor John spoke of how Acts 2:41 mentions 3 verbs together, (received, baptized, added). Why is it important that new Christians act on all three verbs as one continuous process instead of delaying parts 2 and 3?
12. When we accept Christ and follow Him, we become members of His body, the Church. Read the passage Ephesians 4: 20-32, what are some of the responsibilities of ‘membership’?
13. How do you respond to someone who says that they have now believed in Christ, and received baptism, but do not feel it is necessary to go to church regularly? (References: Hebrews 10: 24-25, Matthew 18:20, Colossians 3:16, I Corinthians 14:26, I Thessalonians 5:11, etc.)
14. Pray for those who were baptized at this time when the enemy will seek to prey on them in their daily walk with the Lord.