

## NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend seven minutes discussing this week's talk. What was something that resonated with you?
2. Read Mark 1:4. What is the purpose of baptism? Why do people get baptized?
3. Read Acts 8:18-23. Why does Peter say that Simon's heart is not right before God? Is Peter saying that money is causing Simon to be "chained by sin"?
4. Some inward commitments are celebrated with outward ceremonies. In what ways is a baptism ceremony similar to a marriage ceremony? What commitments are made in each?
5. List Philip's actions in Acts 8:26-38, then read Matthew 28:16-20. In what ways do Philip's actions mirror what Jesus tells us to do?
6. What steps do you need to take to make Jesus the Lord of your life?

### Action Step:

Read the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). Make a list of specific actions you can do to honor these in your life. Put these steps into practice this week and encourage your group by taking some steps together. Be prepared to share next week.



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# God's FAMILY and ME

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## Get Ready (continued)

### Baptism

*"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning..."*  
Luke 12:35 NIV

### How do I join God's family?

1. Having received Christ as my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9 NLT

*They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved,"*

Acts 16:31 NLT

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2. Having been \_\_\_\_\_ in water.

*"Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved."*  
Mark 16:16 NLT

*Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Acts 2:37-38 NLT

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### **Does baptism get me in?**

*Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Simon himself believed and was baptized.*

Acts 8:9-13 NIV

*When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."*

Acts 8:18-23 NIV

### **Do I have to be baptized?**

*Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

Luke 23:43 NIV

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### **Why baptism?**

*Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.*

Acts 8:35-38 NASB

The Ethiopian man became the seed that planted the Coptic Church. Today there are conservatively 20 million people who believe in Christ worldwide, all because one guy said, "Yes m'Lord!"

### **What could happen if 95 of us said "Yes m'Lord"?**

What could happen if \_\_\_\_\_ said "Yes m'Lord"?

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