



## Church Basics: Why Baptism?

### INTRODUCTION

In the waters of baptism, an individual is vividly portraying and thus declaring that they have been united to Jesus and his people.

### INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

### OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was your biggest take-away from the sermon?

### REVIEW

- What can we conclude from the pattern of baptisms in the book of Acts?
- What are some of the gospel truths that baptism portrays?

### APPLICATION

- How can baptism help us in the Christian life?
- Is baptism for individual Christians or the church? Explain.
- Why is baptism only for those who have professed faith in Christ? Why don't we baptize babies?
- Why is baptism required for church membership?
- Share the stories of your baptism.
- If you could go back, would you change anything about your baptism (location, age, etc.) If so, why?

### PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?