

BAPTISM

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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- This Discussion Guide is based on a sermon about Baptism. It would be helpful to first watch the sermon and then begin the Discussion Guide.
- Watch Video here: <https://youtu.be/QkCFYAiGVQY>

Bible Reading

- *Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)* "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."
- *Matthew 28:19 (ESV)* "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
- *Acts 22:16 (ESV)* "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name."
- *Colossians 2:12 (ESV)* "Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead."

Observation Questions

1. In Romans 6:3-4, what two significant events in the life of Jesus does baptism symbolize for the believer?
2. According to Romans 6:3-4, what is the purpose of being "buried" with Christ in baptism?
3. Reflecting on Matthew 28:19, why is baptism included as a part of the Great Commission?
4. How does Acts 22:16 connect the act of baptism with the calling on Jesus' name?

Interpretation Questions

1. Considering the symbolism of death and resurrection in baptism as described in Romans 6:3-4, what does this imply about the life of a person before and after they are baptized?
2. How does the command to baptize in Matthew 28:19 relate to the personal decision to follow Christ and the public declaration of that decision?
3. In light of Acts 22:16, what is the relationship between baptism and the forgiveness of sins?
4. How does the concept of being raised with Christ through faith, as mentioned in Colossians 2:12, challenge the idea of baptism as a mere tradition or ritual?

Application Questions

1. Reflect on your own baptism. If you have been baptized, how did that act represent a death to your old self and a resurrection into new life? If you have not been baptized, what steps can you take to prepare for this declaration of faith?
2. Identify one area of your life that has not yet been transformed since your baptism. What specific action will you take this week to bring that area into alignment with your new life in Christ?
3. Think about someone you know who is hesitant to be baptized due to fear of others' opinions. How can you encourage and support them in taking this step of obedience?
4. Consider the unity and celebration of the Arrows Church community during baptism. How can you actively participate in creating a welcoming and celebratory atmosphere for those getting baptized next time?
5. Choose one person who you know has recently been baptized. What is one way you can mentor or support them as they walk in the newness of life that baptism represents?

