



Crucified with Christ - A New Start!

We've explored the incredible character and work of **God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit**. In this lesson, we will dig deeper into the ways we are personally impacted by God's acts of love and grace. Specifically, we ask two questions:

1. How does the death of Jesus 2,000 years ago make a difference for me today?
2. What is the meaning and purpose of baptism in our spiritual growth?

You can use the back side of this paper to redraw the "circles" diagram that Pastor Scott shares in the video as a reference

Baptism - Identifying with Jesus' death

If you have already been baptised, awesome! In this lesson you can celebrate the meaning of that event for you. If you haven't been baptised, or you are at a significant point of spiritual renewal, it could be a great time to consider participating in the next baptism service at Eagle Naz.

- **Group discussion:** Share about when you were baptized and what it meant, OR how this week's video gave you new insights into the meaning of baptism!

A New Beginning in Jesus Christ:

- **In Your Group, Read: Romans 10:9-13**
- **Group Discussion:** This passage describes how we move into faith in Christ. In the Roman world, the declaration "Caesar is Lord" was the method of identifying yourself as a member of the Empire. Those who would not make this declaration were shamed for being "lesser". How does this insight help us understand Paul's words? How is being a Christian both internal and external in the first century and still today?
- **Read: Galatians 2:19-20**
- **Group Discussion:** Crucifixion was not only extremely painful but the most publicly shameful way to be executed. Despite this, Paul encourages believers to identify with Jesus' crucifixion in a very profound way. How does he encourage believers to embrace Jesus' death as being applied to their own life?
- **Read: Romans 6:5-11**
- **Group Discussion:** Immersion in water was a means of physical purification for worship in the ancient Jerusalem Temple, but Paul gives it new meaning for followers of Jesus. What does immersion symbolize for us? How does this also indicate the internal and external nature of the Christian faith?
- **Read: Romans 6:15-18**
- **Group Discussion:** How did Early Christians live in service to a new "Empire" or Kingdom after their conversion? What implications does this have for us as believers in our culture?
- **Read: 1 Corinthians 6:20**
- **Group Discussion:** Pastor Scott shared a story about the selling of slaves in the agora, or marketplace - a scene believers in Corinth would have been familiar with! How does this scene help us consider what God has done for us in "purchasing" us as His own? We are encouraged to serve God out of love and gratitude, not guilt or fear of punishment. How does this knowledge give freedom to your Christian life?

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Spiritual Health in Practice

Baptism is a means of expressing your internal faith through an external act to declare publicly who your Lord is. It also identifies with death and resurrection of Jesus. Have you been baptized? What does it mean to you?

Close with Prayer for One Another

Pray for one another and for those who were baptized at Eagle Naz this past Sunday! Pray that we also might know the power of Jesus' death in our own lives.