

# **WATER BAPTISM**

**A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF  
A PERSONAL FAITH**

## TEACHING NOTES

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### **Why should we be baptized?**

- Baptism is a public declaration of a personal faith we have come to in Jesus Christ
- It is an act of obedience
- Jesus was himself baptized.
  - He set a pattern for us on how we should live and instructed us, “Follow Me.”
  - Part of following Jesus is following His example
- It is an act of obedience

### **What does the word baptism mean?**

- Baptizo: to completely submerge, saturate, or overwhelm
- To be completely submerged and immersed in the water; a prophetic act of death, burial, and resurrection to new life!
- The waters of baptism represent a burial of our sin; coming out of the water represents new life

### **What are we declaring by baptism?**

- By being baptized, we are telling the world around us and the Christian community that we are a new creation.

### **Why should I be baptized?**

- Baptism is something Jesus commanded all believers to do.
  - “Therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.” Matthew 28:19 (NKJV)
- When we are baptized, we are walking in Jesus’ footsteps.
- Baptism is an outward declaration that we have been saved.
- Baptism changes our hearts because we’ve obeyed God and faithfully walked in Jesus’ footsteps.

## **MAKE IT YOUR OWN**

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**What is Baptism: The public declaration of your faith and new life in Christ; identifying with His death, burial, and resurrection to new life.**

**Jesus is my model. Was he baptized?**

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Read Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9, Luke 3:21

**How does baptism help me identify with Christ?**

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Read Romans 6:4

**Is Baptism something Jesus instructed me to do?**

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Read Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:41

### **Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for providing Jesus as my pattern for life. Help me to obediently follow wherever He says, "Follow Me." Thank You for continuing to reveal Your plans and text steps in my walk of faith. I ask You to give me the courage to follow wherever You are leading me. In Jesus' name, Amen.