

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Romans 12:2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 6: 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin **7** because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. **8** Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.**9** For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 9:23 Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

2 Cor 5:16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.**17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Others: Matthew 3, Romans 6, Romans 12, 2 Corinthians 5, Col 2

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Baptisms are amazing to witness, share some thoughts from this past week. What excited you, shocked you, encouraged you or inspired you as you participated with those getting baptized?
2. How would you describe baptism to a new believer or someone who was not a believer?
3. In the message this week it was mentioned that Baptism was taken from a Jewish tradition of cleansing and purification. How does that idea of spiritual hygiene show up in your walk with God? Does it matter to God that we are spiritually clean? See Col 2:3-12 and Matthew 23:25-26
4. In Romans Chapter 6, Paul references Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, he begins with the idea that we were baptized into His death. Buried with Him, so that we could be raised into a new life. Can you name something from your old life that died and was buried at your baptism? If you haven't taken that step, what do you think should be put to death in your life?
5. What is one thing that you could say has started, and is new since that day you were baptized? or started following Jesus? In other words what has changed in your life because you now follow Jesus? Could you name a few things, why does this matter?
6. If offering our bodies as a living sacrifice is a right response of worship for all that Jesus has done on our behalf, then what is the next faith step of obedience in your life? Maybe He is pointing you to start something, or surrender something? To do something more, or confess something?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS