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**Day 1: Take the Plunge**

Review the video for this session.



**Engage**

Read [Acts 16:11–15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac16.11-15).

**Consider**

The “we” referenced at the start of verse [11](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac16.11) refers to Paul, Silas, Luke, and possibly Timothy, who were on a missionary journey. They crossed over into Macedonia to share the gospel because Paul had a vision of a man calling for help ([Acts 16:9–10](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac16.9-10)).

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| **QUESTION**  What did the Lord do as Lydia was listening to Paul and the men? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think it was so important for Lydia to be baptized right away? |

**Reflect**

Notice that Paul shared the gospel with Lydia, and God “opened her heart” (verse [14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac16.14)). It’s our responsibility to share the good news with others, but only God has the power to save them and change their life.

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| **QUESTION**  What does Lydia’s immediate response to baptism show us about a new Christian’s desire to follow Jesus? |

**Activate**

If you’ve not been baptized in water, do so. Don’t forget to invite your family and friends. If you’ve been baptized, encourage those who haven’t to do so.

**Pray**

God, I know You still speak. I know You want to open people’s hearts today, too. Help me to be bold in sharing my faith and sharing my story of salvation. I ask to be a part of the change You’ll bring to those who follow You. Amen.

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**Day 2: Jesus Sets the Example**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 3:13–17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt3.13-17).

**Consider**

The end of [Matthew 3](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt3) shows one of the highlight moments of Jesus’ life on earth. God’s voice boomed from heaven and confirmed that Jesus is the Son of God. Then immediately after His baptism, Jesus was led out into the wilderness to be tempted. This shows us that even at the high points of our faith journey, we’re not exempt from trials or temptations.

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| **QUESTION**  How is Jesus’ baptism an example for us? |

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| **QUESTION**  What happened as Jesus came out of the water? |

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| **QUESTION**  What can we learn about God the Father from His response in verse [17](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt3.17) about His Son Jesus? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think water baptism was necessary for Jesus? What about for us as His followers? |

**Activate**

Share how you’ve been baptized with someone outside your close circle of Christian friends. Let them know why being baptized was so important to you.

**Pray**

Gracious God, help me to understand the importance of water baptism. Give me an opportunity to use my baptism experience to share the good news about Jesus with those around me. May those who don’t follow You see my obedience to Your Word and be drawn to You. Amen.

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**Day 3: Back to Life**

**Engage**

Read [Romans 6:3–16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ro6.3-16).

**Consider**

Romans is Paul’s masterpiece—a massive explanation of what the gospel is and why it matters. In this passage, Paul explained how baptism is a symbol of both our death to sin and the beginning of our new life in Jesus Christ!

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| **QUESTION**  What events from Jesus’ life does water baptism symbolize? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [4](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ro6.4), in what way can we be like Christ being raised from the dead? |

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| **QUESTION**  How does this passage encourage you to believe that you can have victory over sin? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  How has your life been different since you were saved? |

**Activate**

Take a moment to write out a before-and-after description of your life. On one side of a sheet of paper, write out characteristics of your life before Jesus. On the other side, write out what your new life in Christ looks like.

**Pray**

All-powerful God, I know that I can live free from the power of sin because You raised Christ from the dead. Help me to walk in freedom and victory today and every day. Amen.

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**Day 4: Go!**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 28:16–20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt28.16-20).

**Consider**

After Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples several times before He went back to heaven. Today’s reading is some of His parting words to His closest friends. These words still ring true for us today, too.

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus command His disciples to do? |

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| **QUESTION**  After giving them a command, what does Jesus promise His disciples in verse [20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt28.20)? |

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| **QUESTION**  Would you say you’re following Jesus’ command to make disciples? How so? |

**Reflect**

Jesus doesn’t just tell His disciples to make more disciples. He tells them to baptize them, too. Notice how sharing our faith is tied to baptism. Everyone who is saved should be baptized in water.

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| **QUESTION**  How has your perspective and understanding of water baptism changed through the study this week? |

**Activate**

Make a list of three to five people who are not believers. Commit to pray for them daily. Look for opportunities that the Holy Spirit gives to share your faith with them.

**Pray**

Father God, help me to take it seriously when You call me to go and make disciples! Thank You that You are with me wherever I go. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 5: Only One!**

**Engage**

Read [Ephesians 4:1–6](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph4.1-6).

**Consider**

Like most of his letters, Paul wrote Ephesians to encourage believers to keep growing in their faith. Paul knew that they couldn’t grow in their faith in a healthy way without being unified. It’s the same for us today. If we as the Church are not unified, we’re stunting our growth. Paul uses water baptism as evidence that we are all one in Christ.

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| **QUESTION**  What did Paul beg his audience to do in verse [1](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph4.1)? |

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [3](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Eph4.3), what should believers make every effort to do? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think Paul used water baptism as a way to make his point about believers staying unified? |

**Reflect**

Our world today is divided in so many ways. But faith in Jesus can unite people from all backgrounds, ethnicities, and nations under our one God. Obviously, unity is vital for Christians to maintain.

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| **QUESTION**  What, if anything, is keeping you from maintaining unity with other Christians right now? |

**Activate**

If there is unaddressed conflict or frustration that is causing disunity between you and another Christian, make an effort to be unified today. Perhaps you need to apologize to someone for a wrong. If you need help, reach out to a youth leader from your church.

**Pray**

One True God, thank You that Your grace unifies us in a world that is so divided. No matter where we come from, what we look like, or what we’ve done, we can be unified because of You. Help me to pursue unity in the family of God no matter what. Amen.