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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

**CF Beliefs:** We believe water baptism is the public testimony and the first act of obedience of a Christ follower. It declares faith in Jesus to all who are watching and is not a means of salvation. The Lord's Supper is a remembrance of the Lord's death "til He comes." | *Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 11:23-26*

**Icebreaker Questions:** Have you ever been baptised? If so, tell your story.

### Read Matthew 28:18-20

- What do we learn about the significance of baptism from this passage?
- What is the context of what is going on in this great commission that Jesus gave His disciples?
- What do you know or have been already taught about baptism?
- If you grew up going to church, what did your church believe & how did they practice baptism?

### Read Romans 6:3-4 & Colossians 2:12-13

- What additional insights do these passages give about the significance of baptism?
- How are baptism, death & being raised to life related?

### Understanding the practice of baptism – Read the following statements and verses

- We follow Jesus's example – *Matthew 3:13-17*
- Baptism doesn't save you. – *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- Why do we practice baptism by immersion? – *Rom. 6:3-4; We don't know with certainty the exact manner of baptisms in the NT, but immersion is a more complete picture of our identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.*
- The criteria for baptism is not about age but about belief in Jesus. – *Acts 2:38*
- A new believer can be baptized at any time. – *Acts 8:35-39*
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs at conversion. – *1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 1:13*

### Application

- We know that baptism doesn't save us, so how would you explain its significance?
- If you haven't been baptized, what is holding you back?
- If you are interested in getting baptized, go to [cfdowningtown.com/baptism](http://cfdowningtown.com/baptism)



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