



INTRODUCTION

Every one of us has come in contact with baptism in some way. Whether it's a family member or friend, most of us probably know someone who has been baptized. Although baptism is one of the most common religious rituals, there is still so much controversy surrounding it. What is baptism? What does the Bible say about it? Today we'll explore what it really mean to go public for Christ in the act of baptism.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were you taught about baptism growing up? What was the tradition of your family in relation to baptism?
2. What are your thoughts on baptism as it related to the Great Commission in Matthew 28?
3. According to Andy, how can the transliteration vs. translation of the greek word *baptize* create confusion for us when we read our Bible?
4. What stuck out to you in relation to the history of baptism?
5. Have you ever heard of baptism referred to as a public affirmation? Can you think of any other similarly symbolic rituals?
6. Most in our network of churches are nervous when it comes to the video component of baptism. How did you respond to Andy's explanation for this approach?
7. If you have been, why did you get baptized?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

-Matthew 28:19-20

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.

-Romans 6:4