



Baptism Weekend | Red Rocks Church | 10.17.21
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

Share with your group one of your happiest memories.

SHARE

Our church exists to make heaven more crowded by welcoming home prodigals! This series is about reminding ourselves why we do what we do by viewing it through a different *vantage point*. The hope is for Red Rocks Church to be a place where everyone feels like they are a part of the family. No matter who you are, where you are from, where you've been, or what you've done, we want you to feel at home. No church does this perfectly, and we know we still have a long way to go, but we are committed to working toward this goal together.

This weekend we finished up our series with a massive celebration! Baptism is an amazing mile marker, not just for those getting baptized, but for everyone who is a part of the church!

Did you or anyone in your group get baptized? If so, tell the group about the experience. If you had already been baptized prior to this past weekend, share that experience with your group.

GROW

Acts 2:37-41

Does anyone know the context of Acts 2? What happened right before this passage we just read? Have someone explain it to the group in their own words.

What stuck out to you most in this passage? Why?

Acts 2 is a beautiful moment in Scripture. Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, just stood up and preached a powerful sermon about Jesus. Thousands of people were cut to the heart and responded by asking him what their next move should be. When they asked, Peter replied “repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Verse 41 tells us about 3,000 people were added to the church that day. Imagine that baptism service!

We should spend this entire week celebrating what happened on Sunday. Like the early church, we are just trying to figure it out, and are learning to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to welcome people home. Every single person who was baptized represents a story! A human being, loved by God, who is ready to start a brand-new chapter of their life!

Pause and pray for everyone who was baptized this week. If you have someone in your group, pray specifically for them. If not, pray for the entire group. Asking God to continue to guide them and protect them as they enter into this next chapter.

If someone in your group recently got baptized, what does it look like alongside them as they walk this new journey?

M O V E

Matthew 28:16-20

What do you think it means to “make a disciple”?

Why do you think Jesus includes baptism in this Commission?

There is a reason we revisit this passage so often. As Christians, the Great Commission is our

marching order. Jesus tells us to “go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” Which means what happened this week is an incredible thing. We celebrate Baptism Weekend because it is a reminder that God is at work in our city, in our communities and in our families! We are all playing our part in fulfilling the Great Commission!

This week is also an opportunity to remember the mission! There is so much to celebrate and be encouraged by as we trust and believe that God is at work here among us. This city is full of people waiting to be welcomed home, and because of the active work of the Holy Spirit within us, we have the privilege to roll out the red carpet and inviting them on the journey!

Who is one person you want to see baptized at our next baptism weekend? Let’s commit to praying for them right now. And what is one tangible step you can take this week to let them know God loves them?

P R A Y

As a group, spend some time praying for each other. If you are in a co-ed group, it can be helpful to break up into two groups in order to share more easily about your prayer request.

T O G O

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:41