

Weekly Study

May 22, 2022 | Baptism Sunday | Red Rocks Austin

START

To start off, go around the circle and share with the group...

- Something that brought you 'life' this week

SHARE

Red Rocks Church exists to make heaven more crowded, and what better way to celebrate that than with the 85 people who decided to get baptized this weekend! Our prayer and heart for this church is that everyone would experience how much God loves them and that they would know that no matter who they are, what they have done or where they have been they have a home with this family and that they belong unconditionally.

Did you or anyone in your group get baptized on Sunday? If so, tell the group about your experience. If you have been baptized in the past, share about your experience.

GROW

Read Romans 6:4.

Baptism is not what saves us; rather, it's an external symbol of the internal decision that you have made when you submit your life to Jesus as your Lord and Savior. When you read this passage, it talks about how when we are baptized, we are done so with Christ into death so that just as he was resurrected into new life, we can be as well. There is a permanency to death — when we are buried with Christ in baptism, the old is passed away forever and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17).

*Who is one person you want to see baptized at our next baptism service?
Commit to praying for them, starting now — that the Holy Spirit would soften
their hearts and draw them into a relationship with Jesus.*

*What is one thing you can do this week to let that person know that God loves
them?*

M O V E

Read Acts 8:34-36.

In this passage, the eunuch is given a challenge to obey scripture and take the next step in his faith. After Phillip explains the gospel in ways that the eunuch can understand, there is no longer anything that was standing in his way of making the decision to obey and follow Jesus in his command to be baptized.

All humans have a tendency to make excuses for why they aren't ready to take the next step in life, especially if what is on the other side of that next step is met with a level of uncertainty or sacrifice. Following Jesus is not always easy, but it is worth every step of faith along the way. He promises life and life to the full (John 10:10), which fills us with courage as we step forward with Him.

*What is standing in the way of you taking the next step in your walk with Jesus? How
can your group support you in making that next step?*

*How can you meet your friends who either have questions about faith, or don't yet
know God where they're at and help them understand the gospel?*

P R A Y E R

Pray for each other. If you're in a co-ed group, it may be easier to break up into groups to more freely share your prayer requests.