

Baptism Sunday I November 6, 2022

Weekly Study

S H A R E

Our church exists to make heaven more crowded by welcoming home prodigals! The hope is for Red Rocks Church to be a place where we deepen our faith in Jesus and make him known. We pray that everyone feels like they are a part of the family and that 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. 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.

G R O W

Read 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?

- **What is your current intake of scripture? How do you think your life would change if you prioritized spending time with God by reading His word each day?**
- **What circumstance are you facing right now that you need the Word of God to come meet you?**

M O V E

Read Matthew 28:16-20.

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

Why do you think Jesus includes baptism in the Great 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? Commit to praying for them right now.

What is one tangible step you can take this week to let them know God loves them?

P R A Y

Take time to pray as a group, inviting the Holy Spirit to stir your hunger to not only read and learn the Word but love it, internalize it and take action as you step out to share your faith with the people around you.