

THE THINGS WE DO

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What celebrations have you seen or been a part of that have signified a new identity or joining?

READ: Acts 2:36-42

FOCUS: Water Baptism is an act of obedience that also celebrates the new life God has given.

OBSERVE:

- Baptism is a sacrament that celebrates the family of God that we have newly joined. With the act of baptism, we declare to the world that we have been adopted and brought to the newness of life and can be victorious over sin, satan and the things of this world!
- Act of baptism is the first act of obedience we are called to when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit can then work in us to circumcise the dead things in our hearts as our faith grows and our souls are transformed. Because this is a choice, this isn't something that infants can choose, but they can be dedicated to the Lord.
- All of us work together to bring people to the point of baptism. We do this by preaching the gospel, serving and being hospitable. Just like Paul and Apollos, some of us plant, others water, but thank God He always gives growth.

TAKING ACTION:

- Serve on a Go Team to not only practice reaching the lost and serving God's people but also to grow as a believer in Christ and develop your giftings for serving the Kingdom of God.
- Celebrate with those who have made the decision to accept Christ! Welcome them, love them and encourage them in their walk.

REFLECT:

- What has held you back from making that decision if you have not been baptized?
- In what ways can you participate in the watering and planting the seed of the Word of God in peoples' hearts?

PRAY: Jesus, thank You for calling us into Your family. The opportunity to walk in obedience by being baptized and declaring it to the world is an honor and a privilege. Help us usher others into God's family, teaching them to observe and obey all You have commanded us. Remove the parts of our hearts that are not of You, and remind us of the truth and path You have for us through written in Your Word. We thank You and praise You, Lord; in Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

