

“Water Baptism Sunday”

Start Talking: Share about your week with others. What’s going well? What’s something we can be praying together about?

Key Scripture: Read the following together. *“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:13-17 (NKJV)*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose a question (or several) to create openness and discussion.

- How do you think the Holy Spirit is involved in the process of baptism? What does it mean for a baptism to be a time filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Discuss the symbolism behind water baptism in Christianity. Why is it considered a public declaration of faith rather than a requirement for salvation?
- What are the different baptisms mentioned in scripture, and how does each serve a unique purpose in a believer's life?

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

We come before You in awe of Your presence and the work of Your Holy Spirit in our lives, especially during times of baptism. Thank You for the profound symbolism of water baptism, which publicly declares our faith in You and signifies a new life in Christ. Help us to grasp the significance of the different baptisms mentioned in Scripture, understanding how each shapes our identity and purpose as Your children. May Your Spirit guide us as we seek to live out our faith boldly and fulfill Your calling in our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.