

# Life Group Discussion Guide

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### Part 3: Rinse

#### Introduction

"Baptism is faith in **action**." -Watchman Nee

#### Scripture References

- Acts 2:37-38
- Romans 6:4
- Ephesians 4:4-6

#### Discussion Kick Off

1. Tell us about the top three things on your "bucket list." Why are they on your list?
2. Did you see your first baptism at FCC? If not, what are some of the baptism traditions you remember from your childhood? Did your church practice infant or believers baptism? Did they sprinkle or immerse people in water? If you did not grow up in church, what do you remember about the first baptism service you experienced?

#### Evaluate It

1. What is the difference between grace and forgiveness? Why are both important?
2. **Stuart said**, "Eventually we come to this point where we see the Good News of Jesus and we hear about the grace and the innocence and the forgiveness and the love and mercy and we say the same **the same thing**, "What do I have to do to say yes?" Why does a simple verbal, "Yes," feel insufficient? Why did those who heard Peter in Acts 2 ask, "What shall we do?"
3. Read Romans 6:4. How is the image of baptism a symbol of what Christ did?
4. According to Paul in Ephesians 4:4-6, what does baptism do for the church body?
5. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What command did Jesus give to his disciples? This was one of the last commands Jesus gave to his disciples. What does it say about the importance of baptism?

#### Make It Personal

1. How can we better celebrate the spiritual birth into the spiritual community through baptism?
2. If you have been **baptized after making a decision to say "YES" to Jesus, share your baptism experience** with your small group. Why was it meaningful? What difference did it make in your life?
3. Have you been baptized? Do you need to be baptized?

*Jim Denison is the former pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. While in college, Denison served as a summer missionary in East Malaysia. During one of their worship services, a teenage girl shared her faith in the small warehouse that was used for a church. She was baptized that day in their baptistery, which was a bathtub, and glowed with the love of Christ. While all of this was going on, Denison noticed some worn-out luggage leaning against the wall. He asked a church member for an explanation of the suitcase. He pointed to the girl who had been baptized and said, "Her father said that if she was baptized as a Christian she could never go home again. So she brought her luggage." Baptism is a serious commitment to Christ.*

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table group?	Where do they meet?
1. Husband & Wife	1. Kitchen table
2. Family	2. Coffee table
3. 2-5 Guys	3. Cafe table
4. 2-5 Ladies	4. Restaurant table
5. 2-5 Couples	5. Picnic table
	6. Work table
	7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a life or table group? Leadership can be shared, or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
  - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
  - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or [jason@fcctown.com](mailto:jason@fcctown.com).

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