



Discussion Questions

Baptism: You are Included!

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

1. Were you baptized? What was your baptism like? What does baptism mean to you?
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

Read and discuss Matthew 3:13-17 and Romans 6:3-4

1. Have someone summarize these passages in their own words.
2. Jesus' ministry began with his baptism. What was the significance of Jesus being baptized?
3. What do you think it meant to Jesus to hear his Father say, "This is my beloved son who brings me great joy?"
4. If Jesus' identity as a beloved son was revealed and proclaimed at his baptism, what words are revealed and proclaimed about our identity when we are baptized?
5. What do you learn about God in these passages?
6. What do you learn about people in these passages?

Application

1. How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Have each person create an 'I Will...' statement)
2. Have you been baptized since choosing to follow Jesus? If not, are you willing? What keeps you from saying yes? (you can email Pastor Don at don@avalonchurch.org for more information).
3. Are you making use of the Lenten Prayer Guide (avalonchurch.org/bulletin)? What is God saying to you through your time with him?
4. Are you willing to help serve communion as an individual/group on April 10? Please sign up at shorturl.at/bsDHO.

Pray Together