**Getting to Know Jesus** - Adult Bible Discovery Guide - March 15, 2020

Welcome to Adult Bible Study this morning. Today we will consider the wonderful gift of Baptism. We will do some reading and then dig into scripture and have some conversation. This study has been crafted for you to do individually or in a small group.

Opening Prayer:  *Heavenly Father, You have forgiven our sins, rescued us from death and the devil, and given us eternal life by Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your beloved Son. Strengthen our faith so that we daily put to death all sins and evil desires and, trusting Your sure promises, are raised to live before You in righteousness and purity. Finally, bring to us the fulfillment of our Baptism in the resurrection of the body to life everlasting’ through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!*

**Questions to ponder as you begin.**

- When and where were you baptized?
- Who were your sponsors or Godparents?
- Do you have any physical reminders of that day? What are they? Where are they?
- Why is it important to remember our baptisms?

**Read selections from Getting to Know Jesus** (p.p. 102-106) *Scanned below*

- What stood out to you in the reading?
- What questions do you still have about Baptism after reading this section?

**Read Matthew 3:13-17**

- Baptism was a common religious ritual. A ceremonial washing was a physical action that reminded people of their need to be spiritually cleansed and for their sins to be washed away. Why do you think this ceremony was helpful to people?
- Why do you think Jesus was baptized?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said, “To fulfill all righteousness”?

**Read Matthew 28:16-20**

- Verse 17 says some of the disciples doubted. What do you think they doubted? Why did they doubt?
- Why do you think Jesus tells his disciples to make more disciples by baptizing and teaching?
- Why is it important that Jesus specifically identifies how the disciples should be baptized (in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)?

**Read Roman 6:1-7**

- What do you think it means to be baptized into the death and the resurrection of Jesus?
- What does it mean to be united with Jesus?

**Wrapping it up**

- Think of some common “physical markings” (cross on the wall, graphic t-shirt, tattoo, etc.) that people use to convey what is important to them. Why are these helpful?
- Martin Luther said that every morning when you wash your face you should remember your baptism. How can remembering and celebrating your baptism be helpful in your life of faith?

**Personal Reflection**

Read the following passages several times over and reflect on the words. Consider what God is saying to you through them. Write down a few notes about your thoughts in regards to these words.

- Romans 6:3-5
- Acts 2:37-39
- Titus 3:4-7
Baptism is a sacrament that includes the washing of a person's feet by Christ as a symbol of service and humility. It is also a sign of repentance and commitment to follow Christ's teachings. In the context of the story of Peter and John, the washing of the feet was a demonstration of Christ's love and example of servant leadership. This act symbolizes the importance of humility and service in Christian discipleship.

Chapter Seven

1. Conform to the process of baptism.
2. Communicate the message of baptism to others.
3. Command and instruct by example and by words.

Baptism is a sacrament that is rooted in the conviction that Christ's death and resurrection offer a way to forgiveness and renewal. It is a public celebration of faith and commitment to the Christian community.
Chapter Seven: Baptism

Prerequisites for the Child to Receive Baptism must include:

1. Belief in Jesus
2. Understanding of the meaning of baptism
3. Understanding of the necessity of baptism

The challenge for the parent is to ensure that the child understands these prerequisites before receiving baptism.

The opportunity to confirm the faith is very important in preparing the child for baptism. The parent must help the child understand the significance of the ceremony and the importance of being baptized.

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For the unknowns. Take it for what God intended it to be: a clear, tangible
overturning of ideas that you don't expect to happen. Put the mystery of a
baptism in a greater light from God to assure you of His love. Don't
step one and take the risks of losing others the way He loves you.

Hesitate with God. Knowing that you are secure in the love of God is
strength to you here in human relationships can never be replaced in your relationship
with God. Because you have been loved by God, you have greater confidence in every
time and friends. It is God's Grace that stands for grace confidence in each
and redemption. And it flows over into the relationships with God—your
 creditor: they are new and fresh every day. Relationships are you first part of His
why are you journeying in adventure?

Relationships are the essence of life. They are a journey in adventure.

I must trace this parents love him and love as the best interests of heart.
child simply cannot understand when his parents do, as some young child
Christian should understand, but the life of a Christian is not like a child. A
Christian should understand the Bible is a very logical and reason is a gift of God.

Finally, the Christian is based on faith and reason is not solely a gift of God.
We cannot know the mind of God but we can know the heart of God.

We cannot have a clear answer of the cross, "Why are some saved and
others not?" Quite simply, the answer is the decision of the Lord
known by God. The Great Mystery of the cross is not
for the Christian. Only those who love Him can only be

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Another challenging question is what happens to an integer who dies
above baptism, but we do have clear answers about God's Grace and mercy.

limited by baptism. We don't have a clear answer to all of the questions
before being baptized. The answer to that question is God's Grace is not

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