

Here. There. Everywhere Take the Plunge

For the week of Oct. 28, 2018

Acts 8:26-40

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GET GOING:

1. In your own words, why is water baptism important to the Christian faith?
2. Review the 4 biblical reasons for water baptism. Can you think of any others? Have you been baptized as a believer? Water baptism is...
 - Fundamental to the Faith
 - Necessary for All Christians
 - Immediate Upon Conversion
 - A Memorial Stone in Your Faith Journey
3. If you've been baptized as a believer, when was that, and what was that experience like? If you haven't been baptized yet, what's holding you back?
4. Read Acts 8:31 again. The word, "guide," in the original language is a compound word meaning "road" and "lead." Can you identify with the Ethiopian eunuch at all, needing someone more mature in the faith to lead you on the road? In turn, who are you leading in the faith who is younger, whether in spiritual maturity, age or both?

KEEP GROWING:

5. Read Matthew 3:13-17. If baptism is a picture of cleansing of sin, dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ, why do you think Jesus was baptized?
6. What would you say to someone who believes in Jesus, but is on the fence about being baptized? What about for someone who was baptized as an infant?



7. Review the 5 reasons that often hold people back from getting baptized. Have you ever held these reservations? Have you heard these reservations from other people?

8. What other excuses have you heard?

I already did it (maybe as an infant or before I really came to know Christ)

- I need more information
- I've waited too long
- I don't want to disrespect my parents
- I don't have my act together

9. Read Acts 8:26-40 again. Where do you see the Spirit moving, both explicitly and implicitly as Peter leads the eunuch to faith and baptizes him?

Bonus Challenge:

If you've already been baptized, who do you need to cheer on and champion to take that step of faith?

If you haven't been baptized yet, what's holding you back? Do you need to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

Or if you're already a Christian, wait no longer. Talk to someone at the Next Steps counter, or email us at info@highpoint.church to talk about your next step of faith.

Memory Verse: *"And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?'" (Acts 8:36)*

