



Week 1: Know It

1 THE MEANING OF WATER BAPTISM AND ITS IMPORTANCE

- A. Can you tell me what a “Public Declaration” is?
 - I. Examples: a wedding is a public declaration that two people love each other, a football player signing a contract to a specific team is a public declaration of their commitment to that game/team/city.
- B. Water Baptism is simply that, it is a public declaration that Jesus is now the Lord of your life, and you have become brand new in Him.
 - I. Romans 6:4 - “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may have new life.”
- C. Do you ever feel like you have to hide your faith in Jesus?
 - I. Examples: at school, at sports, with friends
 - II. I want to encourage you to push past the fear of rejection from others, and be bold about the decision you have made following after Christ.

2 WHAT COMMUNION IS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WHY WE TAKE IT

- A. Can you tell me a time you were forgetful?
 - I. Examples: doing chores, your homework
 - II. We so easily are forgetful, and sometimes as humans we can forget about the cross.
- B. Communion is an outlet to remember Jesus’ body and blood as He headed to the cross for our salvation.
 - I. The bread represents Jesus’s body being broken for us so that we’d have healing.
 - a. 1 Peter 2:24 - “... And by his wounds, we are healed.”
 - II. The wine represents Jesus’s blood being shed for us so that our sins would be washed away, permanently removed.
 - a. Hebrews 9:22 - “...Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

RECAP QUESTIONS:

- What does Water Baptism symbolize?

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- What does the bread represent in Communion?

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- What does the wine represent in Communion?

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Week 2: Have It

LAST WEEK RECAP - POP QUIZ

- Students get a prize for each correct answer
- Whoever raises their hand first gets to answer
 - a. When you are being water baptized, coming up from the water represents....?
That you are a new creation in Christ.
 - b. What's the difference between salvation and baptism?
Receiving salvation is what saves you. Baptism is when you publicly declare it and step out in obedience.
 - c. What do the body and blood represent in communion?
Healing and Forgiveness.

ACTIVITY

- A. Take 3 minutes in groups and have students write on a note card what communion means to them.
 - I. Discuss: What does it mean to them?
 - II. Have each student share what they wrote down.
- B. Ask the students if any of them want to get baptized (take note on Shepherding Report and reach out to parents).
 - I. See Starting Point booth for next step.
- C. Take Communion as a small group
 - I. Pass out Communion elements
 - II. Have the students identify a specific area of their life they need to remember the broken body and blood of Jesus.
 - a. Examples: remembering the healing for your body
 - i. Poor Sight or Hearing
 - ii. Anxiety/ Depression
 - iii. Severe Allergies
 - iv. Broken Bones
 - b. Examples: Remembering that all your sins are forgiven and God is so pleased with you even when shame tries to creep in.
 - i. Getting in trouble at school
 - ii. Swearing
 - iii. Lying
 - iv. Gossiping



Week 3: Share It

ASK YOUR STUDENTS IF THEY KNOW ANYONE WHO HASN'T TAKEN THESE NEXT STEPS IN THEIR FAITH.

- A. Many people don't progress in their faith because they don't know how to.
 - I. If you know how to help someone walk with the Lord, don't withhold that knowledge. ENCOURAGE them to take next steps!
 - a. Have your students think of one person they can encourage to get water baptized this week.
 - i. Have them go around the room and in one sentence, explain what water baptism is to them.
 - A) It's a public declaration.
 - B) I am brand new.
 - C) My sins are washed away.
 - D) I am not ashamed of my faith in Jesus.
 - ii. Have them write down a name on a notecard.
 - 1) Pray with your students and over the notecards that the Lord would begin to open up those people's hearts to receive next steps.
 - B. Small Group Leader: Share your story and experience of getting Water Baptized
 - C. Group people together in your Small Group to take communion together (pick the partners so no one feels left out).
 - I. Get elements and pass them out.
 - II. Remind them WHY we take communion.
 - III. Have them take communion together - one partner can lead the breaking of the bread (BODY) and the other can lead the drinking of grape juice (BLOOD).
 - IV. Praise & celebrate them for the boldness and courage they have stepped into these last 3 weeks! They have accomplished so much and grown in their relationship with God.
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