

"Declare Your Faith"

Next Steps Series

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## **BIG IDEA:**

Leave no **SHADOW OF DOUBT** where you stand with God.

- 1. HEAR the GOSPEL. (Romans 10:17)
- 2. **BELIEVE** in **JESUS**. (Acts 16:31)
- 3. **REPENT**: When a **CHANGED HEART** turns your **LIFE AROUND**. (Acts 3:19)
- CONFESS: Tell GOD and OTHERS what's going on in your heart. (Romans 10:9, Matthew 10:32, Philippians 2:9-11)
- 5. Be **BAPTIZED**: It's an **OUTWARD SIGN** of an **INWARD CHANGE**. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:1-4, Acts 2:38, Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- 6. LIVE the CHRISTIAN LIFE: Baptism means you choose to live for Christ EVERY DAY.
  - The **HOLY SPIRIT** will help you through:
    - 1. **COMFORT** as proof of God's loving presence. (John 14:16-17)
    - 2. **COACHING** to remind you and help you make wise decisions. (John 14:26)
    - 3. **CONVICTION** of right and wrong. (John 16:7-11)
    - 4. **CULTIVATION** of Godly fruit in you. (Galatians 5:22-23)

<u>Parting shots:</u> Where do YOU stand with God? What's YOUR next step? What are you waiting for?

## **C3 Group Questions**

<u>Last Week's Next Steps:</u> Did you gather at C3 on Sunday to express your faith? Did you build your faith this week through consistent time in prayer & God's Word? If so share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: Share a time when your inner enthusiasm for someone/something went "public".

**Review:** What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

## **Group Discussion:**

- 1. How did you first hear about Jesus? What was your response? Have you been baptized? Why or why not?
- 2. Repentance is more than just saying "I'm sorry", it's what happens when a changed heart turns your life around. Read Acts 3:19. What are some of the benefits and blessings that come from repentance?
- 3. Read Philippians 2:9-11. Why is it important for us to confess our faith to God and others now?
- 4. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, does a person's baptism save them? Why is it important to believe BEFORE you are baptized, as opposed to the other way around?
- 5. Ultimately, living out your faith (ie-living the Christian life) is about living for Jesus everyday. According to John 14:16, 14:26, 15:26, 16:7-15, 1 Corinthians 3:16, and Galatians 5:22-23, how does the Holy Spirit help us do this?
- 6. How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

<u>This Week's Next Steps:</u> (James 1:22) Whether you've already been baptized or not, pray: "God, I don't want to leave any shadow of doubt where I stand with you. Thank you for changing me from the inside out. Help me not keep this life change all to myself. In Jesus's name, amen."

- Commit to your next step & live it out this week! If you don't know what next steps are, go to this page on our C3 website: <a href="https://www.c3tricities.com/nextsteps/">https://www.c3tricities.com/nextsteps/</a>