



Baptism Day – August 24, 2025 Discussion & Reflection Guide

Questions and Prompts:

- **What's one thing that gives you hope today?**
- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, taking Communion, the message and witnessing baptisms? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- **If you have been baptized, what do you remember about it?**
 - What was God doing in your heart and life leading up to that choice?
 - What does that decision mean to you today?
- **Read Romans 6:1-11.** Have someone read the passages out loud if you're in a group.
 - What do you notice? What images and themes are here?
 - What questions do you have?
 - Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you from this passage?
- **Read Jesus' words in Matthew 10:32-33.** If you have time, read some more of the section surrounding those verses in Matthew 10:26-39.
 - What do you notice? What images and themes are here?
 - What questions do you have?
 - Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you from this passage?
 - **How do Jesus' words challenge you?**
- **Did one of the main points from the message stand out to you? Which one?** Look over the main points listed on the next page.
 - Why does this stand out to you?
 - **Do you sense God nudging you to take a practical next step?** If so, share it with a trusted Christian friend.
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Message Main Points & Scripture:

- Romans 13:13-14 - "Do not participate in the darkness... Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires."
- **Is anyone here tired of carrying the chains of your personal choices?**
- **Baptism Day**
- **Baptism in the Bible was always spontaneous!**
- 2 Corinthians 6:2 - "Indeed, the 'right time' is now. Today is the day of salvation!"
- **The decision to trust and follow Jesus is intended to be an obvious, spontaneous one on which we build ALL other parts of our lives.**
- **Get out of your own way and do what God is calling you to do.**
- **Don't get baptized today if you want to disrupt your spiritual momentum.**
- Romans 6:4 - "We died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now WE ALSO MAY LIVE NEW LIVES."
- **Don't get baptized today if you are convinced your faith should be totally private.**
- **The most powerful attraction to baptism is witnessing a baptism.**
- Matthew 10:32 - "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven."
- **Don't get baptized today if you already have enough joy and peace in your life.**
- **He was decisive.**
- Acts 8:36 - "As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, 'Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?'"
- Acts 8:39 - "When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing."
- **Where do I go to be baptized?**
- **Can anyone be baptized today?**
- **Those who are 8th grade or younger need to have registered and completed our baptism prep for kids and students.**
- **Does it matter who baptizes me?**
- **Does West Side use baptism robes?**
- **We've thought of everything!**