



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of April 14, 2019

SUNDAY BEST | BAPTISM

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker: **How Much Do You Use?** Have everyone sit in a circle. Tell them you are going to pass around a roll of toilet paper, and invite them to “take as much as they need to get the job done.” After they take as much paper as they “need,” explain that for every piece of toilet paper they ripped off, they must tell the group one thing about themselves.

TRANSITION: As you’re gathering, spend some time in **WORSHIP & PRAYER.**

45 MIN | SUNDAY BEST | BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE REF: DEUT. 17:19-20; LUKE 3:21-22

- Baptism is one of the two sacraments observed by all Christians everywhere. Communion is the other one.
 - › “Sacrament” is from the Latin word, “sacramentum,” which refers to a visible sign of an invisible grace.
- Luke 3:21-22, you can see the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in this verse.
 - › Any time you pray, you open up heaven.

WHY SHOULD WE GET BAPTIZED

1. We get baptized to be a part of the Body of Christ!

REF: 1 COR. 12:13; ROMANS 12:5; 2 COR. 5:14; PS. 92:13

- Baptism doesn’t save you (Rom. 10:9)

2. We get baptized to be unashamed!

REF: MARK 8:38

- Salvation is personal, but it’s not private

3. WE get baptizerd to move from the old life to the new!

REF: ROMANS 6:3-4; COL. 2:12

- My old life is gone, because the Lord traded places with me. I now have a new life.
- What words should be said?
 - › Some churches argue it should be “in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,” and others argue it should be “in the Name of Jesus.” So, we say both! Don’t argue about it; just get baptized.
- Does infant baptism count?
 - › Baby dedication is a commitment to raise the child in the Lord, but babies were never baptized in the Bible. It was always after they made a decision to follow Christ.

- How should I be baptized?
 - › Submerge. There is nothing special about the water.
- Do you have to be baptized?
 - › Baptism is the first thing He asked us to do, and Jesus exemplified by doing it. Why ask if you have to? When you love someone you want to know what they love, so you do it. Learn what they hate so you know not to do it.
 - › What motivates me the most is that God's grace is sufficient for me.
 - › Don't ask, "Do I have to?" Ask, "When can I?"
 - › *Do whatever He says, whenever He says.*

Q1. Who can you invite to Easter services next weekend? Who in your sphere of influence isn't plugged into the church body?

Q2. What one percent correction is the Holy Spirit asking you to make in light of this week's message?

Q3. In light of Ps Rick's last statement, "Do whatever He says, whenever He says," is there anything the Lord has been nudging you to do that you've been putting off?

Q4. Is there anything He has invited you to partner with Him in that seems a little intimidating?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAY OVER NEEDS