



LIFE GROUPS 2019

NLC Life Group Study

Week of March 31, 2019

BAPTISM WEEKEND

Life Group Schedule

30 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

15 MIN Ice Breaker Game: **Act and React**. This is a funny icebreaker game, where players use paper and pen to write down an event, or you can prepare papers ahead of time. Some examples you might include are:

- > Winning the lottery
- > Meeting a large, aggressive bear in the woods
- > You just got fired from your job
- > Swimming in the ocean and you see a dorsal fin coming right at you

Put the papers in a bag, box, or basket. Have players randomly select a piece of paper and react to the experience using words, gestures, and facial expressions. Players try to guess what happened. Set a time limit for the players to act out their event. You can give a point for each correct guess. You can also vary the game by making players act out their event without talking. This icebreaker can work with any group size and any age.

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

45 MIN | BAPTISM WEEKEND (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

WHAT IS WATER BAPTISM?

- Water Baptism is a Statement. (**SEE ROMANS 1:16**)
- Water Baptism is Symbolic. Baptism symbolizes the death to your old life and the start of your new life. (**SEE ROMANS 6:1-4; 2 COR. 5:17; COL. 2:12**)

WATER BAPTISM QUESTIONS (SEE MATTHEW 3:13-17; ACTS 2:38-41)

- **The BABY Question**—Every baptism in the Bible occurred when someone was old enough to make a faith decision.
 - > Water baptism is not a parental decision but a personal decision, a decision you make after making a commitment to follow Jesus!
- **The LEGAL Question**—Do you **HAVE** to be baptized?
 - > Technically no. Water baptism is an act of obedience.
- **The WATER Question**—How should I be baptized? Sprinkled, pour over, submerged under water?
 - > The word baptism is the word “baptizo,” which means “to immerse, plunge, dip, or bury in water.” It means immersion. Baptism doesn’t save you; it’s an expression of your obedience.
- **The REBAPTISM Question**.—It is common for people to question their first baptism—their heart, their motives, the method., how old they were the first time.
 - > If your baptism did not reflect you becoming a genuine follower of Christ with a changed life, then maybe you should consider getting baptized again.
- **The BPROCEDURAL Question**.—
 - > At New Life, we baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All in the precious name of Jesus. We cover it all!

Q1. What one step—even the first step—can you personally take this week to pursue the purpose of God for others?

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAY OVER NEEDS