

# "PUT A RING ON IT"

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## **Commission**

(Matthew 28)

## **Context**

(John 1, cf. Ps. 51:2, 7; Ezek. 36:25–26; Zech. 13:1; cf. 1QS 4:20–21)

## **Clothing**

(Galatians 3:27)

## **Commitment**

(Romans 6)

## **COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS:**

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1. This Sunday we studied and witnessed baptism together. If you have been baptized as a Christian, please share about how you received the gospel of Jesus and came to the waters of baptism.
2. In the gospel accounts Jesus is baptized. If baptism is something for sinners to do, why is Jesus being baptized? Some critics of the Bible use this passage as evidence to say Jesus was not sinless. How would you respond to this claim?
3. Baptism is something that people did in the Bible shortly after becoming believers in Christ. Why then do so many Christians wait so long before being baptized? How long did you wait before being baptized and why?
4. Being baptized in the first three centuries of the church was a like a death wish because it identified one publicly as a Christian during a time when Christianity was illegal. Jesus commanded his followers to be baptized, and since they feared God more than persecution or death these Christians sacrificed themselves to obey Jesus. In light of our heritage and in light of baptism being a command of Jesus, how should we respond to believers who have yet to be baptized since their conversion?
5. Read Acts 19:1-6. In this passage some of John's disciples are re-baptized. Why is rebaptism sometimes necessary and quite important? Is there anyone in your HF who has been baptized more than once, because they were either baptized against their will as a baby/child or were baptized before they were a true follower of Christ?
6. In baptism we identify ourselves with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. How has the work of Christ's resurrection impacted you this past week? How will you walk in His resurrection power in the days ahead?
7. In Sunday's sermon, we reflected on a handful of biblical texts. Based on our study, how can you apply what we were learned to your life practically and relationally as a follower and worshipper of Jesus?