

Sermon Discussion Questions | 9.24.17

“Jesus’ Baptism”

Mark 1:9-12

1. This weeks’ message was about Jesus’ baptism. As we get started, take a moment and share with everyone what your view and understanding of baptism is. Have you been baptized? Why or why not? If you have, what was your experience?
2. Pastor Tom spoke of some of the reasons why Jesus, sinless and blameless as he was, would have gone through being baptized? He highlighted three reasons, what where they?
3. Jesus being baptized served as: identification with us, empowerment for him from the Spirit and affirmation from the Father. Pastor Tom also said it served as preparation for his ministry. How so? How did baptism prepare Jesus for his ministry? Read Mark 1:12-13 and discuss.
4. So baptism is important, it means something. We saw how it meant something for Jesus but what does it mean for us? Pastor Tom read several scriptures in the book of Acts that talk about baptism and us. How does baptism affect our own sense of identity?
5. Pastor Tom also took a moment to discuss some frequently asked questions regarding baptism, primarily the method and infant baptism. How did his explanation line up with your own personal views on baptism? Weere you comfortable or uncomfortable with it? Why?
6. In baptism we are also, like Jesus, empowered and affirmed but in what way? What did Pastor Tom say about empowerment (see again Philip and the eunuch from Acts 8)? What did he say about why people clap and cheer at our baptism?
7. As we began the time together we shared our views of baptism and reflected on why we had been or have not been baptized. As we close, take a moment to reflect on those answers again and if you have been baptized, share a prayer of praise for the identity, the empowering and the affirmation you gained form it. If you have not been baptized, pray that the Lord would reveal whatever obstacle is preventing you from it and that He would help you remove it or overcome it.