



This summer's series looks at the foundations of faith and grapples with some of the basics. This series will cover areas you may have looked at before but it is always good to check your foundations and go deeper in some of these fundamentals. This study considers baptism and our new life in Christ.

1. Where have you seen evidence of God in your life this week? Are there any stories you might share?
2. STARTER: Have you been baptised? When and where did you get baptised, and can you remember it? What does baptism mean to you?

Read Romans 6:1-11

3. What strikes you from the passage? What questions do you have?
4. What is the significance of being baptised into Christ do you think (verses 3-4)? What is the link between our baptism and Christ's death and resurrection?
5. What is the 'old self' and what does it mean to die to sin?
6. What do you love most about the new life available in Christ?
7. What hope does this passage offer us beyond death?
8. How can we '*count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God*' when sin is still part of our lives? What can we do when we sin?
9. The passage is about our identity in Christ. How can we remind ourselves of our identity in Christ in our daily lives? Do you use any practices that might help with this?
10. How can we practically continue to turn away from sin and turn towards Christ in our daily lives? Is it obvious what is/is not sin?
11. How would you explain what baptism means to someone who is not a Christian or who is new to church?
12. What do you take away (encouragement/ challenge) from this passage and your group discussion today?

Final Prayers

- Is there anything else that today's study has thrown up that you need to pray into?
- Are there any other things for which people would like prayer?
- Lift one another up to God for the week ahead.