

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

Your Life Matters: The Power to Make a Difference

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This week's message continues from the Jordan River and is witness to Jesus' baptism. Here God's blessing, the Spirit's presence and Jesus' obedience are all at work in one place and at one time. We see the fullness of the Trinity at work together in perfect unity. We also look ahead to Matthew 28:18-20 and realize that Christ invites us to follow him in this sacrament. By being baptized, his followers identify with him in both his death and resurrection.



Watch this week's summary message from Pastor Mike at <http://luke.christchurchil.org/resources>. (Videos will be live on Sunday afternoon.)

WITH THE GROUP



LEANING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Has there ever been a time where you had "special access" to something? (i.e. a chance to meet someone important to you; a chance to avoid a wait or a line; an opportunity to go "backstage" or be in a front row for something) Who granted you that "access" or opportunity?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Though Jesus was without sin or need of repentance, he was baptized. Why do you think his baptism is recorded in the gospels? What makes it a significant event?

We often think of God the Father and Creator. We read lots about the life and crucifixion of Jesus. What do you know about the Holy Spirit? Describe some of the Holy Spirit's roles?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What was the most helpful or inspirational part of the sermon for you?

Mike shared about God's command to "be baptized." Have you been baptized? If not, are you planning to take this step?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Share about your baptism experience? What prompted you to be baptized? What did you experience? What changed for you? If you haven't been baptized – share what holds you back?

How is the "sending" of the Holy Spirit proof that your life matters? Do you open your life to the influence of the Holy Spirit through quiet, worship, Bible reading and prayer?

ON YOUR OWN



PRACTICING

Read the Gospel of Luke again, a few chapters at a time. Focus on the presence and work of the Holy Spirit throughout the life of Jesus and his followers. (You could highlight mentions of "the Spirit" and then go back to reflect on what happens in the places the Spirit is mentioned.)



PRAYING

Thank you Father for sending your Son as an example in all things. He learned obedience and was even obedient to death on a cross. I know that the cross demonstrates once and for all your power over death for all who believe in you. I cling to the promise knowing you have gone to the Father, and sent the Holy Spirit, through whom we can have abundant life and do even greater things (for the kingdom) than we saw in you. Teach me to live in the power and life of the Holy Spirit..



MEMORIZING

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

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