Baptism Sunday – Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker

1. Jeff confessed the only time he's ever been pulled over was for going to slow on a tiny scooter that wasn't even road legal. Share your first experience of getting pulled over.

Discuss

Main Scriptures: Acts 2:37-41

1. Read Acts 2:37–41. When the crowd asked, "What should we do?", Peter said repent and turn to God *first*, then be baptized. Why does the order matter so much?
2. Read Matthew 28:19–20. Jesus places baptism right inside His command to make disciples. Jeff said you can't be a disciple without first being converted, so evangelism is part of discipleship — "not an either/or, but a both/and." Who is your OLAAT (One Life At A Time) right now?
3. Read Luke 19:10 and Luke 15. Jeff asked, "How can I say I'm a follower of Jesus if I don't follow Jesus in His mission to reach more people for Him?" What gets in the way of joining Jesus in seeking the lost?
4. R.C. Sproul said baptism *"is not necessary for salvation, but it is necessary for obedience."* What's the difference between those two things? Why would Jesus command something that doesn't save us?
5. Read Acts 2:21, Acts 4:12, and 1 John 1:7. If baptism doesn't wash away our sins, what does? Why is it important to be clear that it's "just the name — Jesus," not Jesus plus anything else?
6. In Acts 2:40, Peter urged, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" The people baptized that day didn't walk back into their old life. What's one part of your "old way of life" that still tries to pull you back?
7. Jeff said, "It is a profound ritual, with profound meaning, that speaks of a profound commitment." If you've been baptized, what do you remember about that day, and does your life today still reflect that commitment? If you haven't been baptized, what questions or hesitations are holding you back?

Practice

1. If you've surrendered your life to Jesus but haven't been baptized, take the next step this week: talk with a pastor or small group leader about getting baptized.
2. If you've been baptized, spend time this week reading Romans 6:1–11 and thanking God for what He did in you. Ask Him to show you one area where you're living more like the "old you" than the new.