

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, September 28th, 2025

Series: **“Understanding the Sacraments”**

Message: **“Believe *AND* Be Baptized”**

Sermon Text: **Romans 6:1-14**; Old Testament Text: **Isaiah 63:7-9**; Gospel Text: **John 1:31-34**.

Read **Romans 6:1-14** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Romans 5:20-6:1 (p. 1199)**. How might someone who misunderstood **Romans 5:20**, believe there might be a blessing attached to sinning more?
2. Read **Romans 6:2**. Where did we *die to sin*?
3. Read **Romans 6:3**. We normally think that we are baptized into water, but what did Paul say *we were baptized into*?
4. And what did that also lead us *to be baptized into*?
5. Read **Romans 6:4**. In this verse, we are told that *just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life*. Why did Paul use the word *might* instead of the word *will*?
6. Read **Romans 6:5**. When you read this verse, how does it make you feel?
7. Read **Romans 6:6**. In this verse, we see another instance in which Paul used the word *might* instead of the word *will*. What is Paul telling us in this verse?

8. Read **Romans 6:7**. Is it possible for a dead person to sin?

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9. Read **Romans 6:8**. When you read this verse, do you think it is pointing to the present, the future, or both? Please explain your answer.

10. Read **Romans 6:9-11**. How does it make you feel to know that *Christ will never die again?*

11. In v. 10, what does it mean to you when it says, “*For the death he died he died to sin, once for all?*”

12. What do you think might happen to us if we really took **Romans 6:11** seriously?

13. Read **Romans 6:12-14**. Explain **in your own words** what this passage mean to you?

14. Describe the difference between *living under the law* and *living under grace*.

15. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Isaiah 63:7-9** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. After reading **Isaiah 63:7**, what things would you recount as evidence of God's *steadfast love*?
 2. What things would you list *among the many good things He has done for us*?
 3. In **Isaiah 63:8**, how does God expect us to interact with Him?
 4. Read **Isaiah 1:2-9**. How have the Israelites normally interacted with the Lord?
 5. What is the Lord trying to convince Israel to do?
 6. Returning to **Isaiah 63:8**, why do you think God was willing to *become their Savior* even after the Israelites had so often ignored and disobeyed Him?
 7. In **Isaiah 63:9**, what does it mean when it says, *"In all their affliction he was afflicted?"*
 8. What does it mean when it says, *"and the angel of his presence saved them?"*
 9. What does it mean when it says, *"in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old?"*
- II. Next read **John 1:31-34**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. In **John 1:31**, what did John the Baptist reveal was his incentive for baptizing people?
 2. When you read this passage, what kind of impact do you think the baptism of Jesus had on John the Baptist?
 3. Read **Luke 7:18-23**. What do you think has happened to John the Baptist that he is moved to ask Jesus such a question?
 4. In **John 1:31-34**, John the Baptist knew with certainty that Jesus was the Messiah. Now, in **Luke 7:19**, we see his uncertainty. What's the lesson here for us?
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