Life Group Questions 12/01/25 Baptismal Service

Introduction

Jesus deliberately went on a long physical journey of some 80Km from Galilee (probably Nazareth) to the Jordan (precise location unknown) to be baptised by John. What has been your "journey" with regard to baptism? Completed? Not started? Still on the way?

Wherever you are, share your stories with one another, or with a friend or partner, if you are not in a life group.

Bible discussion:

1. What similarities can you see between baptism and the marriage ceremony?

Read Matthew 3:13-17

- 2. John was perplexed and felt uncomfortable by Jesus' request to be baptised. Why do you think that was?
- 3. So why do you think Jesus asked to be baptised? Or to put it another way, what did he mean, when he said, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness"?
- 4. Why should we be baptised? (read Acts 2:38-41, 9:18, Matthew 28:19-20)

- 5. What does baptism symbolise? (read Romans 6:3-4, John 3:5-8, Titus 3:4-6, John 13:6-10)
- 6. Optional question: Why don't we baptise (christen) children? Why do some churches do so? (Note: they have good theological reasons to do so, even if we disagree. See, for example, Acts 16:31-34; 1 Corinthians 10:1-5. There is a warning for us in this passage. What is it? See verses 6-13).
- 7. How has this study and the recent baptism service changed, developed or reinforced your convictions about baptism?

Conclusion:

What's the one thing God wants you to take into the coming week or month from this study? Pray for one another if you are meeting in a group.

Share your thoughts with someone if you are not meeting in a group.