Searching for Significance October 10, 2021 Declaring my Significance Through Baptism		Life Group Study For week of October 10, 2021
2 Corinthians 5:17-18 Matthew 3:13-17 Galatians 2:20 Get off the floor and learn to soar!		<i>Is joining a Life Group your next step?</i> Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today!
		https://rlc.pub/groups
		Share your story <i>On Sunday we celebrated life change through baptism.</i> What did this experience we had together mean to you?
Reconciled to significance.		
		When you were growing up, what was your understanding of baptism? How has your understanding grown over the years?
Declaring my significance.		
Claiming my significance.		Connect to God's story Read Romans 6:1-11. How does Paul describe our relationship to sin? What does baptism symbolize about our relationship with Christ Jesus? Do you think the people Paul wrote to struggled with living in sin they have died to? What hope do they find in Paul's words? What hope do you find here?

How does believing you are *truly* dead to sin give you power to overcome sin? In what area of your life do you need to *believe* you are dead to sin?

Read Romans 6:12-14.

Jesus broke the power of sin so that through Him we do not have to let sin control the way we live or give into its desires. How can knowing and applying this truth bring us freedom? Who are we to give ourselves completely to?

Do you wrestle with believing that what Paul says in this passage is true for you?

Would you consider stepping out in faith diving in completely with God? *If you have already, share with others in your group what that was like.*

Read Psalm 78:1-8

Besides your baptism, what other ways do you regularly make a public stand for Christ? Why is this so important?

What can you do this week to share the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord?

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's kingdom!