

Series: Ephesus

April 24, 2022

Message: You Belong – Baptism Celebration

Matthew 3:13-17 | 2 Corinthians 5:17 | Ephesians 2:18-19 | Galatians 2:20

You belong to Christ.

You belong to God's purposes.

You belong to God's family.

Life Group Study

For week of April 24, 2022

Welcome to the Spring Session of Life Groups! Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. If you're not in a Life Group, consider taking that Next Step and joining one today!
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Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

What did celebrating the life-changing work of Jesus through baptism mean to you? (If you've been baptized, what was that experience like?)

What do you think could be a barrier to getting baptized? How do you overcome or help others to overcome this barrier?

Connect to God's story

Read Romans 6:1-4.

How does Paul describe what happens when we are baptized? As we follow Jesus, what glorious and supernatural power is displayed?

How does this passage help us celebrate fully with our brothers and sisters who are being baptized?

Sometimes something as wonderful as Jesus' supernatural victory over sin and death that we celebrate at Easter, through the Lord's Table and Baptism can be difficult to believe. How do you understand the difference between doubt and unbelief? What do you do in times of doubt? How can you keep doubt from sliding into unbelief?

Read Mark 9:14-29.

What is the struggle facing this boy's father? What struggle are the disciples facing? Have you prayed something similar to: "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"?

Who's power is at work in this story? *Re-read verse 29.* Why is this verse important to answering this question?

Read Ephesians 1:3-8.

Make a list below of the things that are true found in this passage of our relationship with Jesus as we follow Him:

Have you experienced any of these in your own life? If so, in what way?

Take some time to thank God for the life-changing work of His Spirit that we experienced together on Sunday. Ask Him to reveal to you the next step He would like you to take with Him on the journey.

Real Life Prayer for 2022

Lord Jesus,

I affirm that I am fully known by You; my thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams. You know my past, present, and future. I am fully known and loved by You.

I desire to know You more - Your heart, Your will, Your purposes.

I commit to making You known in my areas of influence through my words, actions, attitude, and joy. I commit to love as You love.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to use me daily for Your purposes.

I pray this with a heart of gratitude,

Amen.

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