

Series: I Don't Do Alone
Message: United With Christ

October 2, 2022

Life Group Study

For week of October 2, 2022

Hebrews 10:22-25 | John 3:16-17 | Romans 8:34-39

I must have a life that is united with Christ.

I have to go to the source.

What God wants for me today is assurance that I belong to Christ.

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward transformation.

I will know it is time to be baptized when I can answer "yes" to two important questions:

1. Am I united with Christ? (Have I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins?)
2. Am I ready to tell others (family and friends) that I belong to Christ?

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

Looking back over what Jeff and Shelley talked about on Sunday and our baptism celebration, is there something you'd like to share?

When you were growing up, did you see or experience people taking the step of baptism? Do you have a personal story of being baptized?

What do you think of baptism? What barriers do you think people may face in expressing the new life God did through baptism?

Connect to God's story

Read Romans 6:1-11.

What do we learn about baptism from what we read? How does Paul (the author of Romans) describe what happens when we are baptized?

What does being buried with Christ by baptism give us? If you're baptized do you live in this new reality: that you are dead to sin and alive with a new life in Christ?

Re-read verses 8-9. What assurance does Paul give us in this passage? Based on this, how important is the resurrection to our life today?

Take a moment and pause here. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice so that death does not get the final say. We can be dead to our sin and truly alive in Jesus!

Read Romans 8:34-39.

Paul asks a ton of questions, seven in total, in the powerful conclusion of chapter 8. Which question is one you have wrestled with? Do any of these speak to insecurities or fears you have or are currently working through? Which ones?

What does Paul say about the meaning of suffering in relationship to who we are in Jesus? How can God use a shared experience of suffering to actually strengthen us?

How can the forces mentioned in verses 38-39 hinder you? Why is it so important for us to believe what Paul concludes here?

Spend some time thanking Jesus for this amazing truth: that in him absolutely nothing, not even death itself, can separate us from the love of God. Thank Him for revealing this self-sacrificial love in Christ Jesus and what He did for us... once and for all!

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 Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)