

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Why Do We Do That?

Sermon Title: Believer's Baptism / Child Dedication

Sermon Date: 10-27-19

Gospel Gain: Salvation is not passed on to a child through dedication or to a person through baptism but by making a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

- Which of these did you see being practiced in your church or family when you were growing up - child dedication, infant baptism and believer's baptism?
- What misunderstandings might people have about these three faith practices?
- How might these practices be a time of celebration for people and/or their families?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

- In this study we will take time to look at the what child dedication is and why we do it at Oakwood. We will also take time to better understand believer's baptism and why we encourage people to take this step of obedience.

Read: *Psalm 139:13-14*

- What do these verses say about God's design for each person?
- Why are these promises important?
- In light of this passage, why would it be important to celebrate a child in a child dedication service?

Read: *1 Samuel 1*

- What do you learn about Hannah in this passage? Describe everything you read about her.
- What is her situation and how does she respond to God's answer to prayer?
- What do you think of her commitment to give her son as a servant to the Lord?
- How is this the same or different than how we are to commit our children to the Lord?

Read: *Mark 1:9-11*

- According to this passage, what are reasons for a person to get baptized?

Read: *Matthew 28:19-20*

- According to this passage, what are reasons for a person to get baptized?
- What does obedience connected to baptism have to do with this great commission given by Jesus?

Read: *John 14:15*

- How does obedience to Christ factor into this passage?

Read: *Acts 2:36-41*

- What is taking place in this passage?
- Peter is calling people to repent and be baptized. What does this tell us about a faith commitment and its relationship to water baptism?

Read: *Romans 6:3-4*

- Discuss how Paul is describing baptism and its connection to our walk of faith.

Read: *Acts 8:36-39*

- What does this passage say about baptism?
- Who do you think needs to get baptized?
- What is the significance of baptism by immersion (being completely covered by water)?
- What are the potential obstacles to a person getting baptized?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

- What is one application point that you can take away from this study? Share this with your Life Group.

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests with one another and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.