

# BAPTISM: “THERE IS WATER”

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## MESSAGE RECAP

This week, we looked at baptism through the story of the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8 and were reminded that baptism is not the finish line of faith—it’s the starting line. Baptism is a personal response to Jesus where belief meets repentance, goes into the water, and comes alive in the Spirit. It’s not something we inherit or delay indefinitely, but a step of faith that reflects a changed life and a new identity in Christ. The question we’re left with is simple and personal: What is standing in the way?

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Take a few minutes for anyone who’s willing to share:
  - a. If you’ve been baptized:
    - i. What led you to that moment? What did it mean to you then—and what does it mean now?
  - b. If you haven’t been baptized:
  - c. Have you ever considered it? What thoughts, questions, or hesitations do you have?
2. Element 1: Belief: Mark 16:16
  - a. What does it actually mean to believe in Jesus beyond just knowing about Him?
3. Element 2: Repentance: Acts 2:38
  - a. The message described repentance as a “change of mind” that leads to a change of life. Where have you seen that play out personally?
  - b. What was one area of your life where following Jesus caused you to have a “change of mind”?
4. Element 3: Water: Romans 6:3-4
  - a. How does baptism by immersion reflect the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus?
5. Element 4: Spirit –Acts 2:38, Ephesians 1:13-14, John 3:1-8, 1 Corinthians 6:11
  - a. What stood out to you about how the Holy Spirit is connected to baptism?
  - b. Why is it important to understand that the Spirit is a gift—not something we earn or manufacture?
6. Read: Acts 8:36: “What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”
  - a. What actually stands in the way of people today?
7. Prayer:
  - a. Pray for those considering baptism.
  - b. Thank God for new life and the gift of the Holy Spirit.