



Discussion
Gu'de

“MARINE BIOLOGY 101”

10/13/24

The Church Should Baptize Believers, **SO MC3 HAS A HORSE TROUGH**

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- We're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
**The Church Should Baptize Believers,
so mc3 has a Horse Trough**
- This Week's Object Lesson:
wearing your team's gear/drip/swag
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Matthew 3:1-17**
Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. (v. 13, NLT)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- What team or brand is your “go-to” for announcing your loyalty (in other words, what team or brand do you own most or wear most)?
- This week’s Point was about baptism. Reflect on Sunday and share:
 - What is one thing you knew about baptism that was confirmed?
 - What is one *new* thing that you learned about baptism?
- God designed baptism as the way for the church to publically identify Christ-followers. We’re going to use a passage as a case-study to go deeper into the “rules” for baptism we learned in the Point. Have **EVERYONE** open Acts 16:16-34 in the NLT version.
 - Have someone read Acts 16:16-24 for the set-up to the story.
 - Ask someone else to read Acts 16:25-28 to continue the story.
 - Read v. 29-30. What do you think led to the jailer’s question here?
 - How did they answer in v. 31-32? What was the first “step” for the jailer and his household? [believe in Jesus]
 - According to the second part of v. 33, what happened *next*? [they were baptized immediately] Did they have to attend a class first? [no] Did they have to learn “enough” or know more about the Bible first? [no] Was there an age requirement? [no]
 - Why did Paul & Silas baptize the jailer and his family?
 - Read v. 34. To clarify: did the *jailer’s* belief “save” his household for them? [no] Why not? [because they all *believed*]
- While honoring what God has established, baptism isn’t a normal part of our culture outside of church. To help us all gain a better understanding, let’s brainstorm a list of some modern examples of how people publically identify themselves as a “part” of something?
- If you are a Christ-follower, have you been baptized *as a believer*?
 - If so, please share your story of why/when you were baptized.
 - If not, what is holding you back? What hesitations do you have?