

Cultivate Reflection Guide

STEP INTO THE WATERS

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Our Reflection Guide is a tool to help you grow spiritually wise, relationally kind and emotionally healthy. Use it to reflect and respond to the weekend message as you cultivate personal spiritual growth, lead your community group discussion or start a conversation with a trusted friend as you grow together. Pair it with your bible, a journal or any resource that helps you learn. *It's not about getting through the content, but getting the content through you!*

Cultivate Truth: When we step into the baptism water, a new allegiance is formed. One which publicly declares our life and loyalty belong to God. Describe in your own words what it means for you to belong to God. Reflect on or share some practical examples of how your belonging impacts the way you live, move and breathe?

Jesus First

Read: [Colossians 2:12-15 NIV](#)

Dig Deeper Opportunity: [Galatians 2:20](#), [Matthew 10:38-39](#)

Be REAL: Our culture wants to create a narrative that, if we're not careful, will draw us away from seeking Jesus first to a life focused on self-satisfaction and self-fulfillment. Is Jesus your teacher? Who else or what else is influencing what you learn, believe and share about yourself, God or others?

Respond: In what areas of your life can you confidently claim that you're choosing Jesus first? In contrast, are there any areas in which you're holding onto positions or preferences that are more yours than God's?

Therefore go...

Read: [Matthew 28:16-20 NIV](#)

Dig Deeper Opportunity: [Genesis 12:2-3](#), [2 Timothy 2:2](#)

Reflect: Baptism unites us to the family of God which is full of people and personalities that can look quite different than our own. And yet, we all equally need Jesus, and He loves us all. Is there anyone in your life whose differences you need to see in a new light given the truth that you are united by Christ?

Respond: Belonging to Jesus is an invitation to live on mission and live out the promise that Jesus wants to use our lives to bless and multiply His kingdom. How would embracing that mission as a call to action on your life change the way you interact with the world [home, work, family, community] around you?

Live it Out: Who is someone in your life with whom you could share how belonging to God has changed you? Pray, then take a step of faith and start that conversation trusting that God is with you always.

Cultivate Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for reminding me of the significance of baptism. I don't ever want to forget where my loyalties lie and who I belong to. Remind me every day that my relationship with you isn't something that should be hidden or kept secret. I want my life to declare that I'm yours. I want to be a disciple who not only follows you, but leads others to you. Give me the discipline to cultivate a personal relationship with you and the courage to confidently share my faith with the world around me. Amen.