

Jesus' Baptism (Matthew 3:13-17)

1. Can you recall how you felt on the day you were baptised?
2. What was the main motivating factor behind your baptism: Peer pressure, pressure from parents, a clear command from the Lord, or another reason. **Discuss?**
3. God the Father felt so delighted and proud of his Son when Jesus was baptized. Recall how **you felt similar feelings or emotions when your child succeeded in some area?**
4. This act of obedience brought God's approval and empowering on Jesus and his future mission. **Have you had a spiritual experience where you have felt God's approval and empowering?**
5. Scripture uses Christ's death and resurrection, to explain what happens to us when we are baptised. Romans 6:3,4. 1 Corinthians 15:3. **Explain what this means**
6. Public declaration of our faith in God is important, our faith cannot be a secret. **Romans. 10:9-10**. How does this physical external action express what is happening to us on the inside.
7. Baptism cannot be considered optional or unimportant by a true follower of Jesus. **Matthew 28:19-20. Do you agree?**
8. Baptism can also be a time of deliverance. (1 Cor. 10: 1,2) We can be delivered from habits and behaviours, which have enslaved us. **Give some examples**
9. Jesus' parents brought him to be circumcised and dedicated to God when he was eight days old. However when he was a 30-year-old man he decided for himself to add his adult baptism to what his parents had done when he was a child. Do you think that **it is right for people who were baptised as an infant to be rebaptized as an adult?**
10. Pray for openness and obedience to the Spirit of God. **Pray for each other**

