



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

Home Group study: week beginning 31st July 2022

THEME: BAPTISM

Ask people to share their own stories of their baptisms - maybe not everyone if it seems it could take a long time! Maybe they'll come out as you chat.

Rather than presenting a detailed study, we're offering two great passages from the New Testament. The first, from the beginning of Hebrews, is a fantastic summary of God's saving plan for humanity - Hebrews 1:1-3. The second is Romans 6:1-14 which explains in detail what Jesus did for us through his death and resurrection.

We suggest you read the first and consider it, and perhaps use it as a basis for praise. Then read the second and discuss it. Below are a couple of questions to salt your discussions if you like.

Or, you could, if your group prefers, ask if anyone has a particular scripture or theme they'd like to offer for the evening, and run with that. Up to you.

QUESTIONS

1. Some people might have expected great things from their baptisms - maybe too much. And others might have expected too little - and hopefully been surprised. What was the case for your group? Share your experiences and thoughts along these lines. Pray through anything that comes out of it.

2. Is baptism a symbol or a sacrament? A sacrament is a physical act that has a positive spiritual effect (and a miracle is the opposite!). Some see baptism as a symbol of something that happened in the past. In fact the bible sees it as a sacrament - the idea being that it is for the forgiveness of sins; it is a washing and renewal; and it is a burial and resurrection. Lots to think about in this.

God bless you as you meet.