

Summer at Highlands

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Big Idea

Today is a great day to take your next step! Maybe for you that is taking a step to follow Jesus, make your faith public in baptism, or sign up to volunteer. Whatever that step is, today is the day!

Let's Talk

1. What's the big deal with baptism? You may have grown up in a church that talked about baptism. Maybe you were baptized as a baby, or maybe you were baptized at a summer camp. Have you ever been baptized? What does baptism mean to you?

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:37 - 38

2. Jesus was baptized. One of the best reasons to get baptized is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. John didn't want to baptize Jesus (how would you feel if the Son of God asked you to baptize Him?), but Jesus assured him that it was a good thing that needed to happen. When we make our faith public through baptism, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus. How does it make you feel when you realize you're following Jesus and aligning yourself with Him?

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32 - 33

Reflect & Respond

Have you been baptized? If not, we would love to have a conversation with you about what it means to be baptized and help you take that next step. If you have been baptized, what other areas of your life do you need to examine when it comes to following in the footsteps of Jesus? We all have a 'next step' we need to take as we walk through this life.