

# Making Disciples

## Making Disciples - Water Baptism | 8 | All Ages

### • OBJECTIVE •

+ **Head:** Know that water baptism is a sign of obedience and outward declaration of what God has done on the inside.

+ **Heart:** To believe that baptism symbolises the death of our old sinful nature and our victory over sin

+ **Hands:** Decide to get baptised and/or invite others to do so and go and live our lives surrendered to Jesus.

### • PRAISE & WORSHIP •

Spend some time in worship as a family. The link below has a playlist of recommended songs, which will cater to all ages, it also has the Sermon video for you to share with your kids.

You can also search for our you tube channel:

Every Nation Rosebank Kids

### • NOTES •

### • INTRODUCTION •

Watch video that explains water baptism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BQ-H8v3hP4>

Take a minute to tell someone what you learnt about baptism in that video (allow 1 minutes for this-countdown).

Great, now let's hear from the word of God.

5 minutes

### • MAIN SERMON •

Read Matthew 28: 18-20 - Explain in an age appropriate way.

From the 3 F's lesson a couple of weeks ago, when Jesus gave us the mission to go Fish for man, He also gave the command to baptise new believers.

Jesus gave us these instructions, "My dedicated followers who are my students, go and find other people and teach them about everything I have taught you and teach them about how following me is the way, the truth and the life that leads to my Father, that leads to God. And as you do this, also baptise them".



We know that when Jesus mentions something, it is important and that is why we see Peter's response to those who asked him in the early church what they should do in order for them to also become part of the dedicated followers and students of Jesus .

Acts 2: 38 "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."

So when people have heard the message of Christ and believed it by Faith, they need to turn away from their sins (Repent) and as a symbol of their faith in Christ, be Baptised in water.

So what is water baptism and why is it important? Taking a few steps back to the 2 verses that we read, we see that water baptism is an act of obedience that Jesus commanded His followers to do as it symbolises our surrender to Him.

Romans 6: 3 – 7 "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, [a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin."

Here we see that baptism is an act of faith that shows that we are united with Jesus in His death, burial and resurrection. When we get baptised we show the world that our old self who did not believe, who lied, rebelled and sinned a lot has died, and a new self, who is full of faith, follows and believes in Jesus Christ, is born. When we get water baptised, we get immersed in water as a symbol of the death of our old sinful nature and when we emerge from the water it's a symbol of our resurrection with Christ.

Acts 2: 38 "38 ... "Repent and be baptized,..."

Baptism comes after we have repented, after we have received our gift of salvation and its important that we don't view baptism as what saves us, because that is not true! We know that baptism is a way of you showing the world that you are laying down your sinful life at the cross and allowing Christ to be the boss of your life. You are saying to the world I am a Christ follower. We don't get baptised so that we can be saved, we get baptized because we **have been** saved already (Ephesians 2: 8-9: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast."). We get baptised because we have accepted our salvation through Christ Jesus and we now want to make a public declaration of that, telling the world that we are followers and disciples of Jesus.

Matthew 3: 13-16: "Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

We participate in water baptism as a sign of obedience. Even though Jesus was sinless and did not need to be baptised, He still chose to be baptised out of obedience to His Father. Jesus is our greatest example and if He, being the son of God and in very nature God chose to be baptised in water, we should too because this is an important step in our walk as Christians.

10 minutes



## • MINISTRY TIME | APPLICATION • (all ages)

Some of you might have been baptised before and you may think today's word was not for you, but that's not what the bible teaches. In Matt 28 Jesus commissioned us, meaning that He gave us as His disciples this great responsibility to make disciples and to baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. So our role doesn't just end with getting baptised, we need to bring others along and baptise them.

Some of you have not been baptised in water before and after listening to this message you may have felt God, through the Holy Spirit, nudging you to commit your life to Him, and to make this public declaration of your new life in Christ... if that's you, well done! Please speak to your parents about this decision and contact one of our leaders or your Connect group leader so we can help you in taking this important step in your journey.

### Let us pray

Father God, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our ultimate example of how to live as a disciple. We thank you for those who have chosen to be baptised in water already and pray that you will give them courage to go and disciple others, leading them to be baptised as well. We lift up any children who have felt your Spirit nudge them to step out and declare to the world that they have chosen you by being baptised in water. Bless them and encourage them in this important decision as we prepare for them to be baptised in the coming weeks. We pray all this in Jesus' name, Amen.

For anyone who has not been saved yet by Your grace, we pray that Your truth will touch their hearts to lead them to pray the prayer of salvation below:

Jesus – I know that you made me and want me to obey you with all my heart. I know I have disobeyed and wanted to be my own boss. I have thought and done things against your directions. I am sorry. I know that you gave up his life to save me from these sins and make me your child again. I accept your promises and ask you to please save me now and forever. Amen.

## • RECAP | CHALLENGE •

Jesus commanded his disciples to baptise new believers (Matthew 28: 18-20)

Baptism follows repentance and acceptance of the gospel (Acts 2: 38)

Baptism symbolises the death of our sinful nature and our victory of the power of sin (Romans 6: 1-14)

Baptism does not make us saved, salvation is purely the gift of God (Ephesians 2: 8-9)

Baptism is an act of obedience

### Challenge:

In your quiet time read the scriptures discussed during today's lesson: Matt 28:18-20, Acts 2:38, Rom 6: 1-14, and Eph 2: 8-9. Discuss and journal what you learn from these scriptures, how can this be applicable to your life?

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