

TALKING 'BOUT BAPTISM

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**Baptism is the _____ expression of my
_____ commitment to Him**

**Baptism illustrates the _____,
_____ of Jesus**

Christ died for our sins as the Holy Writings said He would. Christ was buried. He was raised from the dead three days later as the Holy Writings said He would.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NLV

When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.

Romans 6:4 MSG

When you were baptized, you were buried as Christ was buried. When you were raised up in baptism, you were raised as Christ was raised. **Colossians 2:12 NLV**

**Baptism illustrates my _____ as a Jesus
follower**

Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. **2 Corinthians 5:17 CEV**

**Baptism illustrates my connection to _____,
the Church**

We each used to independently call our own shots, but then we entered into a larger, integrated life in which Christ has the final say in everything. This is what we proclaimed in word and action when we were baptized. Each of us is now a part of his resurrection body. **1 Corinthians 12:13 MSG**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all. **Ephesians 4:5-6 CEB**

To follow the _____ of Jesus

When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Matthew 3:16 CEB

To follow the _____ of Jesus

Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20 GNT

To give _____ that I believe in Jesus

...many...who heard...believed and were baptized. Acts 18:8 NIV

Everybody who _____ Jesus

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day... Acts 2:41 NLT

Questions for Groups //

- *Have you been baptized?
If yes, please share your baptism story. If no, maybe share why not.*
- *What is another example of public commitment to Jesus?*
- *How does Baptism connect you to the church?*
- *How else can we follow in the footsteps of Jesus?*
- *Is there anyone who wants to be baptized at OCC this Sunday?*
- *Pray together!*