



INTRODUCTION

Originally, “baptism” was not a religious concept. Yet over time, baptism has become an exclusively religious idea - one that even rouses deep emotion and controversy. In this message, Andy Stanley unpacks baptism, from its birth with John the Baptist to its modern equivalent. If you are a follower of Christ and baptism is still on your “to-do” list, this message may be the nudge you need to finally go public.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you grew up going to church, talk about your perceptions of baptism and whether they were influenced by a particular tradition. If you didn't grow up going to church, what did you think of baptism?
2. Do you agree with the way North Point baptizes believers or does it make you uncomfortable? Explain.
3. If you've been baptized since accepting Christ, talk about your experience. Were you nervous? How did it benefit you?
4. Read Matthew 28:16–20. Why would Jesus place such an emphasis on a public profession of faith through baptism?
5. If you haven't been baptized, how do you think your story of coming to faith in Jesus might benefit others?

MOVING FORWARD

Baptism isn't a condition of salvation; it's evidence of salvation. If you're a Christian and you've never been baptized, you need to be baptized. It's a point of obedience. What's stopping you?

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CHANGING YOUR MIND

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19