



GO DEEPER

This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. In the sermon it was said that many professing Christians attend church for years without fully knowing what they believe. Why do you think this is so common today? What responsibility do church leaders have in this, and what responsibility do individual believers have?
3. Jesus' definition of a disciple involves denying self, taking up a cross, and loving Him above all else. How does this challenge modern ideas of Christianity as something private or convenient? In what ways do you see the tension between comfort and discipleship in your own life?
4. The sermon emphasized that baptism is evidence of discipleship and a public identification with Jesus. Why do you think Jesus designed baptism to be public rather than private? What fears or obstacles might keep someone from taking this step?
5. Baptism was described as illustrating death, burial, and resurrection with Christ. How does this imagery help you better understand what Jesus has done for you? In what practical ways should "new life" show up in how a Christian lives?
6. The sermon stated: *"Baptism doesn't make you a Christian, but if you're a Christian you will be baptized."* How does obedience serve as evidence of genuine faith without becoming a form of works-based salvation? Why is obedience often delayed even when God's command is clear?
7. In Acts 8, the Ethiopian eunuch asked, *"What prevents me from being baptized?"* What are some real reasons people delay baptism today? How can this group encourage one another to take next steps of obedience, whether baptism or another area of faith?