

DATE: April 2, 2025

SERIES: WE BELIEVE!

TOPIC: Repent and be Baptized!

WELCOME & ATTENDANCE!

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN THE GROUP HAS PRINTED THEIR NAMETAG!**
- **NEW STUDENTS:** If anyone is NEW this week, be sure they get supplies if REGISTERED.

8th GRADE FAITH STATEMENTS!

- Reminder: ALL faith statements are **DUE NEXT WEEK** on Wednesday, April 9!

LEADER OVERVIEW

- **Why do we baptize?** Because Jesus commanded it. (Matthew 28:18-20) “Go... make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” These words from Jesus are still TRUE for all of us today! We are called to share God’s love with those we meet, and to invite others to be baptized!
- **What happens during baptism?** Through the Holy Spirit, we encounter God’s word and power, and he offers forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. Our sins are WASHED AWAY!

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- Have students FIND and then READ ALOUD **MATTHEW 28:18-20**.
- **QUESTION: What did Jesus say his followers should do? (Go, baptize!)**
- **QUESTION: Has anyone already been baptized? If so, share about the experience!**
 - If you have not been baptized, that’s OK! There is absolutely no pressure...
 - But there is an **INVITATION** to pray about it! Ask God what you should do!
 - If you feel God’s calling to be baptized, talk to your family & then sign up!
 - **NOTE: an email was sent on Monday with details for how to sign up in advance!**
- Now, as a LEADER read **ROMANS 6:1-4** while students follow along in their own Bible...
- Have a STUDENT re-read **ROMANS 6:1-2** “...should we keep on sinning...”
 - **Question: What does “we died and were buried with Christ by Baptism” mean?**
 - ANSWER: read Romans 6:5-14 (*we are no longer slaves to sin*)

PICK A TOPIC: Now, open your Bibles to the “Master Index” or “Where to turn?” pages in back.

- Green Bibles (page 1601) Red Bibles (page 1284) Pick a topic, assign each student a reading in that section, have a discussion. Who wrote this? When? What do we learn?

CLOSE YOUR TIME WITH PRAYER!

THEN, CHECK OUT AT THE LEADER TABLE!

- Please return your folder (and your roster with attendance) to the leader table.
If you have feedback or notes, please leave those with us as well!! **THANK YOU!!**