



BAPTISM

Baptism Foundation Study

Narrative Nuggets

What does the religious world teach about baptism? How important is baptism?

Read John 3:1-8

What do you think it means to “see the kingdom of God?”

What does it mean “to be born from above” (‘again,’ in some translations)?

Why do you think Nicodemus struggles to understand this?

Jesus repeats himself in v. 5, saying almost the same exact words again, but this time clarifying what he means by “born again.” What does he say in v. 5?

What is an event in the life of a Christian that involves water and the Spirit? (Pop over to Acts 3:38 for a clue).

If baptism is the event of being “reborn,” what do you think Jesus means? How is baptism similar to birth?

What if there is no “rebirth” in the heart of the one being baptized? Is biblical baptism occurring? Why or why not?

Brick and Mortar Passages

Acts 2:14-41

Acts 9:1-19

Acts 22:12-16

Romans 6:1-14

Colossians 2:9-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

After looking at these passages, what do you think God wants us to understand about baptism?

Laying the Brick (Application)

Take some time to write down the rebirth you experienced at your baptism? If no rebirth occurred, no reception of the Holy Spirit, then how can you pursue rebirth in the here and now? What parts of your heart need to return to the heart that you had at baptism?