



# TALK IT OVER

***Our Talk It Over is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each participant. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel. Choose just one or a few of the questions to consider this week.***

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## Warm-Up

What's a family tradition, habit, or "this is just how we do it" routine you grew up with that might not make sense now that you are an adult?

## Discuss

1. Why do we tend to hold tightly to certain traditions even when we don't always understand where they came from?
2. Why do visible moments of commitment matter in life? (marriage, graduations, team signings, public promises, etc.) Why do those moments stick with us?
3. What do you think baptism communicates that words alone sometimes can't?
4. Which of these truths feels easiest for you to believe right now: *I am God's child, I am deeply loved by God, or I am forgiven and fully accepted by God?* Why? Which of those truths feels hardest to believe—and what makes that one more difficult?
5. Have you ever gone through a meaningful milestone, ceremony, or public moment that changed how you saw yourself? What made it powerful?
6. If you've been baptized, how has that decision shaped your life since then? If you haven't, what questions or hesitations do you still have?



## Apply

Choose one intentional action this week:

- If you've never been baptized but feel ready, talk with your pastor or visit the Baptism page of our website.
- If you were baptized years ago, reflect on what that commitment means to you today.
- Share your faith story with one trusted person.

## Pray

God, thank you for giving us meaningful ways to remember who we are and what you've done in our lives. Help us not to go through the motions. Give us courage to take our next step, clarity where we have questions, and hearts that genuinely want to follow you. Amen.