

Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

6. Practice

Pair up and practice baptizing. The person being baptized should practice sharing their 2-minute story: my life before Christ, how I met Christ and decided to follow Him, and how He has changed my life. The person baptizing should get his partner into position and pretend to submerge them, while saying "On your profession of faith, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Switch roles and practice again.



Equip

7. Plan - With whom will I **SHARE**?

- Which of your non-believing friends or family will you be praying for this week?
- With whom will you share this new lesson?



Plan



Reproduce

8. Cast Vision

Romans 1:16-17 says "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'"



Vision

Baptism is a great opportunity to bear witness of what God is doing in your life. Follow Jesus in baptism and invite your family and friends! Tell them what Jesus means to you!



Pray

9. Commissioning Prayer

Pray for one another for boldness to share!

Extra Challenge:

- Read Romans 6
- Memorize "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19



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YOUR NEW IDENTITY

New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers



Baptise

Topic: Obey Jesus and Follow Him in Baptism
Question: What is baptism and why should we do it?

Report & Celebrate (20-40 minutes)

1. Share & Care

Share life's journey by spending time together and communicating during the week. Talk about your joys and your struggles, and support one another in prayer.



Care

2. Accountability

Following Jesus

- How has God challenged you from His Word?
- What was your "obedience" goal last week? How were you faithful to obey what God put on your heart?



Report

Fishing for Jesus

- Which family and friends have you been praying for?
- Which people among your family and friends heard your story and God's story? How did it go?



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3. Worship

Praise God for what has just been shared. Use a song, read a Psalm, or share a testimony of answered prayer!



Worship

Notes:

- Remember to **model** mutual accountability by answering these questions yourself.
- Celebrate any steps of obedience in your accountability time. If people are having trouble in this area, stop and pray together and then make specific plans for this next week. Never criticize them publicly!
- Let someone else lead the "Report & Celebrate" section today.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear & Obey (20-40 minutes)

4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**?

Have 3 participants look up Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:36-38, and Romans 6:3-5. Read all three of the passages and then discuss the questions below.

- *What does God expect from us?*
- *What is the significance of baptism?*
- *What is the symbolism of baptism?*



Learn

5. Application - What must I **OBEY**?

- *In these passages, is there a command I will obey?*
- *In these passages, is there a promise to claim? If so, is there a condition to be met before receiving this promise?*



Correct

Notes:

- Significance of Baptism: Shows you are willing to be obedient to Christ Jesus and sets a good precedent for helping disciples to understand that God total obedience to Him (Matthew 28:20)!
- Symbolism of Baptism: Just as the wedding ring symbolizes that you belong to a spouse, baptism symbolizes that you belong to Jesus and you are identifying with Him. When you go under the water it symbolizes we have died to our old life; when you are brought out of the water it symbolizes the new life you have committed to live.



Guide

Do's and Do Not's

- **Do** let the Holy Spirit be the teacher.
- **Do** remember to study for obedience rather than for knowledge!
- **Don't** dominate the conversation; encourage everyone to participate. Facilitator = 30%, Participants = 70%
- **Don't** demand correct answers.
- **Don't** get distracted, stay on topic.

Instructions for Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Jesus came and told His disciples, *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Acts 2:36-38

36 [Peter said] "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"

37 Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

38 Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

United with Christ Jesus

Romans 6:3-5

3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined Him in His death? 4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. 5 Since we have been united with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was.