

FAITH Life Group Evangelism Training Level 1
Session Ten ~ They Accepted Jesus; Now What?

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When believers lead people to Christ, we are responsible for them as their spiritual parent.

Jesus told us to make disciples, not just converts.

The ultimate goal for a person who comes to Christ is to grow up in the Lord and become a spiritual parent, leading others to Christ and teaching them how to live.

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For a Christian, baptism is a defining moment.

When we were baptized, we identified ourselves with Jesus and other Christians who had gone before us.

When we have the opportunity to lead someone to Christ, we also have the privilege to help him or her experience the life-defining act of baptism and begin the process of Christian maturity.

A person may be hesitant to be baptized for a number of reasons.

We have to take people where they are and help them move forward in their spiritual journey.

Baptism is a step of obedience and not a requirement for salvation.

Reacquaint yourself and celebrate the person's decision to accept Christ.

State that baptism is an important next step in being obedient to Christ after salvation.

Share a brief testimony about the significance of baptism.

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Explain that you will use this leaflet to help the person better understand some next steps of obedience to take as a believer.

Call attention to the statement that baptism is one way a Christian publicly shares what Jesus has done for us.

- have already trusted Jesus as Savior;

- understand that baptism does not bring salvation but is a [symbol](#) of what Jesus has already done for them and is an expression of obedience;
- are not ashamed to follow Christ's [example](#).

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- [Jesus](#) commanded it.
Baptism is an act of [obedience](#) for which Jesus Himself, as well as His followers, set the example.
- Baptism pictures breaking from the past and beginning a [new life](#) with Christ.
In the New Testament baptism is a public [testimony](#) of faith.

Baptism is by [immersion](#) in water.

Because it is a public expression of faith, baptism is conducted in front of [witnesses](#).

Emphasize the importance of being baptized as [soon](#) as [possible](#).

Highlight the importance of being baptized only after [willfully](#) accepting Jesus as Savior.

Stress the importance of baptism as a point of [identity](#) with other church members.

Answer the person's [questions](#) about the reasons for and logistics of baptism.

Some churches and FAITH teams show [support](#) by accompanying the new believer into the baptismal pool.

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Find out whether the person has a preferred [date](#) for the baptismal service.

Record all of the requested information in "Appointment for Baptism" on panels 6 and 7, which you tear off and return to the [church](#).

Encourage the individual to think about [inviting](#) someone to his baptismal service.

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Show how these disciplines can help the new believer [grow](#) in Christ.

Give the leaflet to the person and conclude the visit with [prayer](#).

Return panels 6 and 7 to the person in your church who handles FAITH [visitation](#) information.

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Some new Christians may fail to [show up](#) after making a commitment to come to your Sunday School or worship service.

Your team is still responsible for helping this person grow as a [disciple](#).

[Follow up](#) to learn what happened, to offer ministry or counsel, and to make sure the new believer gets off to a good start in his new life in Christ.