Series: Rediscovering Discipleship

Study Guide: Rediscovering the Church: Baptism and Communion

Matthew 16:18–19; 28:18–20; Luke 22:19; 27–30; 1 Corinthians 10:16

Romans 6:1-11



GROUP WARM UP:

Over the last week, what's one way I have noticed God working in your life? Or in the lives of others? In your community? In the world?

BIG IDEA

Union with Christ means you have been incorporated into the body of Christ.

KEY TAKEAWAYS/APPLICATION:

- Baptism is a naming ceremony that affirms your new identity and status.
- Participating in communion shapes your character--service and gratitude, as you habituate the gospel.

DISCUSSION

- 1. The sermon talked about "identity amnesia"—forgetting who we are in Christ and what our mission is. When are you most likely to forget your identity as part of God's people? What helps you remember?
- 2. Baptism is described as a public declaration of a new identity and a new family. If you have been baptized, how has that experience shaped your sense of belonging in the church? If you haven't been baptized, what questions or hesitations do you have?
- 3. Communion is meant to form us into people who serve others. Think about the last time you took communion—did it move you toward serving someone in your life? Why or why not?
- 4. The sermon challenged us to pray for new disciples and for people to be baptized. Who is one person in your life you can pray for to come to faith or take a next step in their journey?
- 5. The idea of "habituating the gospel" means letting the truth of Jesus become instinctive in our lives. What is one small, regular practice you could add to your week to help the gospel shape your instincts—whether in gratitude, service, or prayer?

- 6. The church is described as a "new we"—a community, not just individuals. What is one way you can invest in the growth or encouragement of someone else in this group or in our church this week?
- 7. The sermon said that our journey is not just individual, but collective. How can we as a group better reflect the reality of "Christ in us and among us" to our wider community?