

## Acts 8:26-40 | Why Shouldn't I Be Baptized?

### Getting Going (15 mins)

1. Settling In & Opening Prayer
2. If you could accomplish anything just by snapping your fingers, what would it be?

### Digging Deeper (40 mins)

1. Review:
  - a. How did you serve the body of Christ in this past week?
  - b. Did you have opportunity to speak the truth in love this past week? Would you tell us about it?
2. Read this week's text. This little narrative shows how simple salvation & baptism really are. Why do we make it so complicated?
3. According to **Romans 6:3–5**, what does baptism symbolize regarding our relationship with Christ? What does it mean to walk in "newness of life"?
4. Think back to your baptism. What do you remember about that time?
5. What obstacles or fears might be holding someone back from being baptized?
6. How can you encourage someone who, despite their love for Jesus, is hesitant to be baptized?

### Practical Preparation (10 mins)

1. In what ways can you identify with the symbolic act of putting off the old and putting on the new, when thinking about your spiritual journey?
2. Baptism is an outward expression of an inner reality. How else could you show the world what is true on the inside of you?

### Parting Prayer (15 mins)

1. There are some in our church who love Jesus and yet are not baptized. Will you commit to praying for them?
2. Ask God to give you courage to live your faith in an outward manner this week.

Optional Extra Question – Which one of your parents are you more like and how are you more like them?