



GROWTH TRACK



WORSHIP GOD FIND COMMUNITY

MAKE DISCIPLES

FULFILL CALLING

WEEK TWO

**CROSSWAY BIBLE CHURCH
EXISTS TO MAKE DISCIPLES
WHO: WORSHIP GOD, GROW
IN CHRIST, AND IMPACT THE
WORLD.**

:: CATCHING UP

The theme of Week 1's class is this: at CrossWay, we prioritize the _____ above _____.

:: THE GOSPEL MAKES US FAMILY

Ephesians 1:3-6 reads,

*Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavens in Christ. For he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before him. He predestined us to be **adopted as sons** through Jesus Christ for himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he lavished on us in the Beloved One.*

When we put our _____ in Jesus, we _____ part of God's _____.

1. We have the same _____.
2. We share in the same _____.
3. We're marked by the same _____.

:: BAPTISM: THE MARK OF GOD'S FAMILY

The Bible repeatedly calls us to _____ with Christ. One of the key ways we do this is through _____.

Romans 6:3-5 reads:

*Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore **we were buried with him by baptism into death**, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection.*

:: CORE TRUTHS ABOUT BAPTISM

1. BAPTISM _____ SAVE ANYONE

Salvation is obtained by grace through faith. Baptism is a response to that salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

Ephesians 2:8-9, Luke 23:39-43

2. BAPTISM IS A _____ FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

While baptism doesn't save anyone, everyone who is saved is commanded to be baptized.

Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:38

3. BAPTISM IS _____ FOR THOSE WHO _____ CHRIST.

This means that infants and small children should not be baptized, since they cannot make a credible profession of faith. In the New Testament, every baptism occurred after a profession of faith.

Acts 10:48, Matthew 28:18-20

4. BAPTISM IS TO BE DONE BY _____ IN WATER.

The Greek word for baptism is βαπτίζω, which means "to dip" or "to immerse."

Additionally, every instance of baptism in the Bible is by immersion. Finally, Jesus was baptized by immersion.

Acts 8:36-39, Matthew 3:13-17

5. **BAPTISM IS _____ FOR CHURCH _____.**

Because baptism is the way we're commanded to profess our faith, a church cannot affirm someone as a Christian until they have taken this step

Romans 6:1-4

:: ACTION STEP: PURSUE BAPTISM

If you have not been baptized by immersion since believing the Gospel, please let us know. We will follow up with you later this week. We will have an opportunity to participate in public baptism soon after this course.

:: LIFE IN GOD'S FAMILY

The Bible gives us a _____ of life in Christian community:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

When you read the passage above, what do you notice about this community? Jot down five or six components that you can spot:

1. _____
3. _____
5. _____

2. _____
4. _____
6. _____

:: FINDING YOUR PLACE

Small groups will be both _____ and _____.

1. Set _____.
2. Make a _____.
3. Take _____.
4. _____ deeply
5. Cultivate _____.

Write down your biggest barrier to joining a small group (or has been in the past):

:: ACTION STEP: COMPLETE A GROUPS CARD

We want to help you find your place in a small group. Let us know if you would like to join a group, and we will help connect you with a group that fits you!