



Discussion Questions
Raised to Life: A Standalone Message on Baptism

1. What was the understanding of baptism in the environment in which you grew up? Did today's sermon change your understanding of baptism in any way? How?
2. Have you been baptized? What do you remember about that experience?
3. **Read about Jesus' Baptism in Matthew 3.**
Why did Jesus need to be baptized? How is Jesus' baptism different than ours? How are they the same?
4. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.**
What is the relationship between baptism and the church's mission as outlined in the Great Commission? Why do you think Jesus commanded baptism?
5. **Read Acts 2:37-41.**
Why do you think Peter pointed people to baptism so quickly? What do you think that day was like when 3,000 people were baptized?
6. **Read Romans 6:3-5 & Galatians 3:27.**
What imagery does baptism represent according to these passages? How is that significant?
7. If you have not been baptized, would you consider doing so? What might stop you?

Lent Discussion Questions
Week Four

"The joy of the Lord is a not a ticket to be purchased by our fasts. He is always good."
-Esau McCaulley.

1. Let's take this week to examine our motivations in Lent. Has there been any creeping sense of satisfaction in our efforts?

2. What are you learning in fasting?

3. Where do you need grace within fasting at this time? Remember that perfect performance is not the goal!