

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. When were you baptized? For those who were baptized later in life, what do you remember about your baptism?

2. Baptism is a gift that God gives, connecting God's promises to us in a personal way. Read the following passages about baptism. Answer these two questions for each passage:
 - a. **What gift(s) is God offering you in your baptism?**
 - b. **How can that gift help you in your everyday life?**

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:38-39).

"Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16).

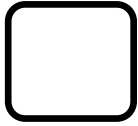
In it [the ark] only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him (1 Peter 3:20-22).

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26-28).

⁵ [God] saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:5-7).

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life (Romans 6:3-4).

3. At Jesus' baptism, the Father said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Because we are clothed in Christ (Galatians 3:26), the Father sees us wrapped up in the perfection of his Son. His words to Jesus are also spoken to us our baptisms: "You are my son/daughter, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Whom do you know needs to hear this good news? Close with prayer for an opportunity to share it.



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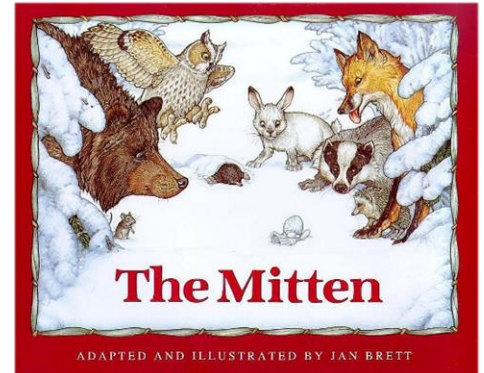
Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

God's People Gather To Find a Hiding Place Psalm 32 and Luke 3:7-22

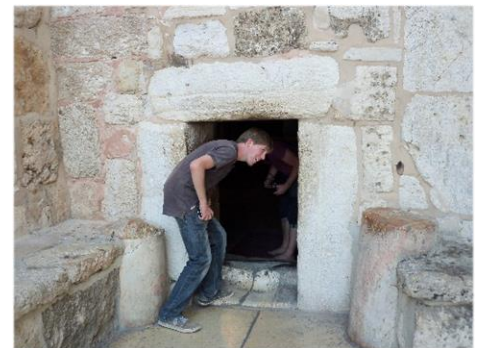
1. A hiding place with room for all

- Too big? One too many?
- A standing invitation (Psalm 32:1-2)
- A “world” big enough for all (John 1:29)



2. A hiding place with a very low door

- There is no hiding outside (Psalm 32:3-4)
- The only way in is to lower yourself (Psalm 32:5)
- Follow Jesus through the door (Matthew 3:15)



3. A hiding place with surround sound

- The sound of love (Psalm 32:10; Luke 3:22)
- The sound of safety (Psalm 32:6-7)



4. A hiding place with room for all

- A welcoming room (Psalm 32:8)
- A room filled with contentment (Luke 3:10-14)

My Next Step

Explore the Hiding Place by memorizing these verses about baptism.

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