



# FOUNDATIONS

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FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM  
ROOM 4

Session 9: What are some additional essential topics (Part 2)?

# Session Questions

## **Session 9 Topics:**

- Baptism
- Serving
- Giving
- Being a witness

# Session Questions

## **Session 9 Questions:**

- What is it?
- Why is it important?
- How do I participate?

# Question Review

- Review answers from Participant Guide Session 9: What are some additional essential topics?

# Topic 1: Baptism

## **What is baptism?**

- The application of water to a person as a symbol of public identification with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior
- It is an outward declaration of an inward change that has already occurred

# Topic 1: Baptism

## **Why is baptism important?**

- Jesus commanded His followers to be baptized – Matthew 28:19
- Examples of baptisms
  - Jesus – Matthew 3:16
  - Ethiopian – Acts 8:36
  - Philippian jailer – Acts 16:33

## **How do I participate?**

- By being baptized - make a public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ
- By being a witness for the person being baptized

## Topic 2: Serving

### **What is serving?**

- Using the gifts and skills God has given to do God's work
- Using spiritual gifts – Romans 12:6
- Serve each other – Galatians 5:13
- Bring glory to God – Matthew 5:16

## Topic 2: Serving

### **Why is serving important?**

- **Jesus instructed us to serve – John 13:14**
- **Working together as the body of Christ**
  - 1 Corinthians 12:12
  - 1 Corinthians 12:17
- **An opportunity to participate in God's work – Ephesians 2:10**



## Topic 2: Serving

### **How do I participate?**

- Ask God through prayer what He wants you to do
- Look for opportunities to serve
  - What ministries at church need help?
  - Who in our local congregation needs help?
  - How can I share the love of Christ in my neighborhood or community?
- Trust God to equip you to serve
- Use our church website to connect with ministries

# Topic 3: Giving

## **What is giving?**

- Giving is a part of worship service  
- 1 Corinthians 16:2
- Not limited to financial contributions

## **Why is giving important?**

- Jesus expects us to give –  
Matthew 6:2
- God loves a cheerful giver – 2  
Corinthians 9:7

# Topic 3: Giving

## How do I participate?

- Each believer must seek the Lord about the appropriate amount of giving
- 10 percent is a good rule for financial giving
  - Genesis 14:20
  - Numbers 18:21

# Topic 3: Giving

## How do I participate?

- Characteristics of a giver
  - Cheerful – 2 Corinthians 9:7
  - Not drawing attention to one's self – Matthew 6:1
  - Give for the right reasons (not to look spiritual) – Acts 5:2-3
  - Gives with the right attitude – Luke 21:4
  - Generous – Matthew 5:42

## Topic 4: Being a witness

### **What is a witness?**

- A witness is someone who tells the truth about a first-hand account
- Being a witness of Christ is telling others what Christ has done for you

## Topic 4: Being a witness

### **Why is being a witness important?**

- Jesus instructs us to be witnesses – Acts 1:8
- We should be able to give an answer for our hope – 1 Peter 3:15
- Being a witness can influence others – John 4:39

# Topic 4: Being a witness

## How do I participate?

- Participate in an evangelistic ministry like H4O
- Share your testimony
  - Paul shared his testimony – Acts 22:1-21, 26:1-32
  - Using Paul's example in Acts 26
    - What was your life like before Christ?
    - What did Christ do?
    - What is your life like now with Christ as Lord and Savior?

# Reflections & Wrap Up

- We covered additional essential topics: baptism, serving, giving and being a witness
- We answered 3 questions about each topic:
  - What is it?
  - Why is it important?
  - What Can I participate?
- **Thank you!**