



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

Session Questions

Session 9 Topics:

- Baptism
- Serving
- Giving
- Being a witness

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- 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
- Baptism does not save a person

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 starting 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!**