

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

CORE52 | #39 Baptism | Acts 2:38

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2. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? Explain.

### Holy Spirit and the Heart

3. Read Mark 1:8 and 1 Corinthians 6:11, 12:13. What is the difference between being baptized with water and being baptized with the Spirit?
4. Consider circumcision. It was a symbol of God’s covenant with Israel (Genesis 17:11) and was a sign, a seal of righteousness (Romans 4:11) just like the Holy Spirit is (Ephesians 1:13). What parallels do you notice about circumcision and baptism?
5. Read Colossians 2:9-15. What might baptism, the cross, and circumcision all have in relation to each other in these verses?
6. Read Romans 2:28-29. What (if anything) could this have to do with baptism?

7. Read Romans 8:9, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:4-7 and 1 Peter 3:20-22. What saves us?
8. After reading Exodus 14-15 what parallels exist between Israel passing through the Red Sea and Christian baptism?
9. What do you think are people’s greatest objections to baptism?
10. If someone asked, “Why should I be baptized?” in your own words, what would you say?
11. What has this study taught you about baptism?
12. Why does it matter?

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