

# Sermon Guide

## **Baptism: Live Your Position**

Your baptism affords you a new position in life that comes with a new way of living.

We live out this new position through a life of communion - daily, moment by moment connection with God through prayer. Receiving His love for you by remembering & partaking in His body and blood.

We live out this new position through a life of consecration - forsaking all other pursuits for the reward of knowing Him and loving Him.

Lastly, we live out this new position through a life of fresh oil - cultivating history with God in the secret place, where He can continue to pour out the oil of His Holy Spirit on you.

Everything He did, He did so He could be close to you. We pray that you are filled with fresh hope and joy at the reality of your baptism into Christ!

## **Go Deeper.**

Our desire is that every person would be empowered to have a deep and intimate relationship with God. We want people to not just hear a word on a Sunday, but get activated in whatever the Holy Spirit is doing throughout the week. The guide is a tool for you to dive deeper into what God is doing in you and through you as an ambassador of the Kingdom.

You can work through these activations and questions on your own or in a group setting. If you are doing them in a group, take turns leading. After each activation, take time to pray into whatever the Holy Spirit is speaking. It is also encouraged to have a journal and Bible with you.

For each activation focus will be key. We become like what we give our attention to, and one of the best ways to worship is to focus. Often we will ask that you close your eyes, if this helps you focus, then great, if it's something else that helps you focus, then do that.

Before each activation, take a moment to be still before the Lord. These are not exercises to rush through or items on a to-do list to check off. They are invitations to commune with God and to go deeper. Turn your attention toward Him and invite Him into this time.

## Discussion

- What does it mean to you that you have been raised into a new life?
- Are you living in this “new life” reality?
- Where are you letting the lies of the enemy keep you from living into God’s vision for your life?
- How are you prioritizing making history with God?
- How are you living out your identity?

## Activation #1

Because of our baptism, we have been given a new righteous standing with God. We are a new creation! Spend some time considering what the death and resurrection of Jesus did for you.

Ask Holy Spirit, “What does this new righteous standing look like?”

Draw a picture of what you see in your mind’s eye.

Ask God to show you how your righteous standing changes your daily life. How do I live life differently now? What are my convictions?

Write down what you hear.

Close this time by thanking God for the standing that He has given you as a new creation. A son and daughter of the King!

## Activation #2

We are called to live this new standing through a life of communion and consecration - a life full of oil. Take some time to bring each of these things before the Lord.

“God, my desire is to draw nearer and nearer to you everyday. To be in constant communion with you. What lesser thing have I chosen instead of moving closer to you?”

Write down what comes to mind.

“God, my desire is to live a life with one pursuit. I want to be consecrated to you only. Where in my life have you convicted me? Where do I need to repent and agree with you?”

Write down what comes to mind.

“God, I want my lamp to always be burning. Would you fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit?”

For this last one, we encourage you to take some time to be quiet before God. When we ask for more of Him, He will pour Himself out. Challenge yourself to stay in this place, hungry for more of Him. He may speak to you, or you may feel something tangible in your body. Lean into what the Spirit may want to do in the moment.

## Ways to Pray

- That we would see people in our town come to know Jesus!
- That the Saints' Hill family would invite people who do not know the Lord to church this Easter Sunday, as we talk about salvation and baptism.
- That we would continue to go after connection with God through prayer.
- That our people would be hungry for the fruits of the Spirit.