

# BAPTISM & COMMUNION



## Leader's Guide

### Overview

This session of Base Camp will look at Jesus' most basic directions to His church. Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called "ordinances") as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and The Lord's Supper.

### Suggested Format (90 minute meeting)

- 15 minutes – Greet & Treat. Welcome people. Have sticky nametag for each person.
- 30 minutes – Intro & Video. Introduce the topic, hand out blanks and show the video.
- 25 minutes – Discussion. Lead the group through an honest discussion using questions below.
- 20 minutes – Lead Breaking of Bread as a small group with Prayer.

### Weekly Reminders

- Pray! Pray for each person by name and ask God to speak to their hearts!
- At the end of the meeting, remind people of who is on for treats the next week and what your topic will be.
- Pray at the end. Make sure to end ON TIME (You can always tell people they can stay – but give those who need to leave the option as soon as the class time expires).

### Specific Session Tips

- **NOTE:** After discussion, I would strongly urge you to consider hosting an actual communion service as part of this week's Base Camp - do it as a small group.
  - Prepare, in advance, some bread and juice. You can just pass around one cup or wine class, asking people to gently dip their bread in the cup - no drinking directly from the cup! ;-)
  - This will prove it was a very sweet time. Great way to enhance this teaching! What say you?
  - Make sure to lead the time and give direction to people on when to take the bread, juice, how to pray, etc. (I would have them pray out loud).
  - Emphasize THANKING God for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Celebrate!

### Possible Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn that surprised you regarding the Biblical teaching on the ordinances of Baptism or Communion?
2. What questions do you have about this teaching on the ordinances of Baptism or Communion? (See Bonus Materials for *Baptism Q & A*)
3. Briefly describe any differences in what you may have been taught regarding either of these two symbolic gestures. What do you think now?
4. Does anyone feel like they need to get baptized after studying this topic? (If so, contact church office).