

Baptizer Mission

Acts 10

Discover

Baptizers are disciples of Jesus who engage lost people in their local communities, shepherd them into the kingdom of God, immerse them under water, and assist them as they practice the Holy Spirit's fruit and gifts. Our mission is to develop reproducing disciples worldwide in every tribe.

Jacob had a rough life and struggled to understand his purpose. One night, he wrestled with Jesus until daybreak and would not let go until he received a blessing. Jesus baptized Jacob into a new name and covenant identity: Israel, the Blessed Overcomer. (Genesis 32:22-32)

God baptized Moses in his glory. The seventy elders of Israel witnessed this awesome appearance of God's glory: pavement as bright blue as the sky, a brilliant cloud, and a consuming fire. Jesus first captures our hearts with his glory, and then he immerses us in his presence. Now that we are baptized in him, we walk daily with him. (Exodus 24)

Elijah was baptized directly into heaven. God sent angels in a fire chariot drawn by fire horses to pick up Elijah's physical body on earth and transport him to the spiritual realm of heaven. Jesus' baptisms create changes in both physical and spiritual realms of existence. (2 Kings 2:7-14)

When we experience God, we abandon the rebellion of this world. We receive pure joy and an eternal inheritance in the presence of Jesus. He never leaves us, and he navigates our steps safely through intense spiritual battles. Our responses are adoration and perseverance. (Psalms 16:5-11)

This lesson focuses on our experience of being immersed into the culture and convictions of Jesus' eternal dominion.



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Draw

Anointed Adventures: disciples, flames, road, sunrise, & arrow - We are followers of Jesus Christ, anointed with the Holy Spirit's presence and power on an unpredictable mission adventure. Acts 10 tells a fascinating story about our Father tearing down strongholds of tradition, and pursuing unengaged families and tribes with the good news. Following Jesus is all about seeking his face and walking according to the directions of his Holy Spirit. Jesus honored Cornelius' sincere desires and faithful prayers, and sovereignly orchestrated his family's salvation. (10:1-9)

Covenant Household: house, flame, cloud, rainbow, & arrow - Jesus prepared Peter to encounter and engage a searching family with the gospel. Peter would not have gone to visit Cornelius without the vision and angelic visit. Our Father saw Cornelius' genuine thirst for his presence and kingdom, and revealed a vision that prepared Peter to embrace a new way of life. He confirmed his calling upon Peter to introduce this family to Jesus and assist them as they entered into a gospel covenant relationship. (10:9-34)

Resurrection Immersion: disciples, water, flame, wind, & arrow - Peter witnessed the spiritual hunger and thirst of Cornelius' family for Jesus. He preached the gospel of resurrection life to this family, and everyone believed. The Holy Spirit baptized them in power, and all of these new disciples began to participate in spiritual gifts and speak in spiritual languages. Peter baptized them in water and spent a few days teaching them how to follow Jesus. (10:35-48)

Calvary Calling: three crosses & hill - Peter had to put to death his religious traditions and personal interpretations. Cornelius took a leap of faith and invited a stranger from another culture over to his home. All the prophets, John the Baptizer, and Jesus Messiah call us to share in the suffering of Calvary where Jesus saved the world. (10:27-29,37-43)

Discuss

Read Acts 10:1-16. Our Father prepared both Cornelius and Peter to meet each other. Why did God have mercy on Cornelius? How was Peter's vision perfectly tailored just for him? Why is God's direct intervention essential to this story?

Read Acts 10:34-43. How does Peter share the gospel with Cornelius' family? What details stand out to you? How do we see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit clearly in this gospel proclamation? What is necessary to believe for salvation?

Read Acts 8:26-40. Make a list of everything supernatural in this story. What is the problem with this African royal court servant departing Jerusalem without any knowledge of Jesus Christ? How does Philip demonstrate a baptizer mission? Why does Philip baptize this new disciple at once?

Read Acts 19:1-7. How does someone receive the Holy Spirit? Can you believe in Jesus and not have the Holy Spirit? How do we see different baptisms in this story: salvation, water immersion, and the Holy Spirit's power?

Disciple

Let's get practical. Review the Salvation Freedom lesson from Romans 8. Are you prepared to draw the gospel for someone and explain to them how to be saved? Where is the nearest location to your home where you can immerse a new disciple in water? Whom do you know that is lost but close to following Jesus? Pray for their faith and baptisms.

Dedicate

Father, thank you for your baptisms and for inviting us into this baptizer mission. Please help us to truly embrace your authority and become experienced baptizers of new disciples, in Jesus' name and for his glory we pray, amen.