



**Walking with
your children through
questions
of faith and baptism.**



TO THE PARENTS

As parents, you have the privilege of guiding your child in their faith journey, helping them understand who Jesus is, and what it means to trust in Him. When your child begins to express a desire to be baptized, the following questions and Scriptures are intended to help you lead them toward a biblical understanding of the gospel.

The goal is not to simply go quickly through the questions, require memorized answers, or create a standard of spiritual maturity that must be met in order for your child to be baptized. Rather, the goal of these questions is to guide an ongoing dialogue that may take place over days, weeks, or even months. Each child is different, and their understanding of faith grows at their own pace. Let these questions be a natural part of your conversations rather than something to rush through. Be patient, pray for wisdom, and allow your child to process their thoughts and ask their own questions.

Each question in the booklet includes some Scripture references for discussion. Encourage your child to read the verses, reflect on their meaning, and express their thoughts. Welcome the study of additional passages in your conversations. There is space for you to make notes, or your child can make have their own copy of this booklet to make their notes in. Most importantly, pray with them and encourage them with love and truth.

AS PARENTS, YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD BEST

When you believe your child is genuinely trusting in Jesus as their Savior, we rejoice with you and are excited to walk alongside you in discussing the next step of baptism.

If you have any questions, please reach out to an elder. We are here to equip and assist you.

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Who does the Bible say that Jesus is?

John 3:16 (God's Son); Luke 2:11 (Savior); John 14:6 (The Way, The Truth, The Life); John 1:29 (The Lamb of God)

Do you agree with what the Bible says about Jesus? If yes, why? If not, why not?

Notes:

What is sin?

1 John 3:4 (doing what God says is wrong); James 4:17 (not doing what God says is right to do); Mark 12:30-31 (failing to love God and others perfectly); Romans 3:23 (falling short of God's glory and perfection) Romans 1:25 (trading worship of God for worship of self or things); Romans 14:23 (doing things without faith)

Do you believe that you are a sinner who has sinned against first and foremost against the one true and living God?

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (None are righteous); Romans 3:10-12 (None are righteous...); Romans 3:23 (All have sinned)

Notes:

Do you believe that you deserve God's eternal punishment and wrath because of your sin?

Isaiah 59:2 (Sin separates from God); Romans 6:23 (wages of sin are death); Ephesians 2:1-3 (children of wrath...)

Do you believe that eternal life is a free gift that we receive from God when we put our trust in Jesus alone?

John 3:16 (whoever believes); John 20:31 (Believing gives life); Romans 5:8 (Jesus died for us); Romans 6:23 (the gift of God is eternal life); Ephesians 2:4-8 (saved by grace through faith, which is God's gift)

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What does it mean to trust in Jesus alone for salvation?

Galatians 2:16 (not justified by the law, but faith); Ephesians 2:8-9 (by grace, through faith); Romans 10:9-10 (confess Jesus is Lord, and believe/trust he rose from the dead to save you, you will be saved); 1 John 1:9 (if we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive...); 2 Corinthians 5:21 - the Great Exchange - Jesus takes our sin/disobedience, and gives us his righteousness/perfection

Are you trusting in Jesus alone to be your Savior? Do you want to follow him as your Lord and Savior?

Romans 6:4; Ephesians 6:20-24; 1 Peter 2:21-25

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Do you want to be baptized? If yes, why? If not, why not?

Matthew 28:19-20 (Act of obedience to Jesus); John 14:15 (baptism expresses love for Jesus in obedience to him)

What is the meaning of baptism?

Acts 22:16 (spiritual cleansing and forgiveness – outward expression of inward reality); Romans 6:3-4 (union with Christ); Colossians 2:12 (a step of faith, without faith baptism is meaningless); Acts 2:14 (a public declaration of faith); 1 Corinthians 12:13 (publicly unites us with the church and family of Christ)

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Note to parents: Like baptism, local church involvement and membership are important steps of obedience for Christ-followers.

As your child moves toward baptism, talk with them about whether or not they are interested in church membership and why or why not.

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