



## Something in the Water | July 6, 2016

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

Baptism is a significant marker of a faith decision that washes over you like a virus. As a result, you begin to show symptoms of a life lived in close connection with God.

#### Key Verse

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)**

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

#### Discussion

When things are new they are exciting, but after awhile the excitement can tend to fade and we begin going through the motions. Whether it's faith-based or otherwise...Things can get routine.

1. Share of a time when you felt like you were just going through the motions in a specific area of your life.
2. What would you say has been the most exciting time in your faith journey? Why?

Carrie Underwood's hit song *Something in the Water* talks about her life being changed as a result of her baptism. She sings about crying out to God for something to be different. She says she decided to trust in someone bigger than herself.

3. Have you ever come to a point where you were all out of hope and needed God? What did you do about it?
4. What would be different about your life if you surrendered and spent more energy trusting God?

When asked why he was getting baptized my 13 year old friend Cyril said, "I want to be baptized today because I want today to be a significant day. I want to know God better, and I want others to know Him as a result of how I live my life."

5. Regardless of whether or not you have been baptized, how could you be intentional about getting to know God better?

#### What's Next?

A relationship with God is like a positive virus...we should show symptoms of a life connected with Him. Baptism is a symbolic moment where you make a public commitment to allow God's grace to wash over you, and from that moment on you act as if you have contracted this positive virus showing symptoms of love and grace.

For those of us who have been baptized, consider whether or not you are going through the motions and use this topic to breathe new life into your spiritual journey. Consider the urge from the Message version of 1 Corinthians 12:1-3..."remember how you were when you didn't know God."

If you have never been baptized, consider making a commitment to do so. If you have questions about the process or questions about your faith contact us at [support@faithinfive.com](mailto:support@faithinfive.com) or ask questions to a friend or pastor who can help guide you.