

# Lifegroup Notes

Week 4

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Defining Moments- "Jesus declares..."

### Welcome

Ask people to play the thankful game. Basically you go round the room asking people to share three things they are thankful for right now.

Pull it together by praying; giving God thanks for all these blessings and invite him into today's meeting.

### Word - Read Matthew 3 v.13-17

Firstly let's look at Jesus....

- Why do you think John tried to deter Jesus from being baptised?
- Why did Jesus get baptised if he was without sin?
- What two important things happened to Jesus after he was baptised in this text?
- What was the next thing that happened to Jesus after he was baptised? (Ch.4)

Secondly let's think about Sunday...

- What aspects of people's stories impacted you on Sunday?
- Why are stories so powerful for other people?
- What are some of the common misunderstandings about baptism? (E.g you have to be perfect, you have to have been in church a certain time, it's not needed etc)
- What do you understand about the importance of baptism as a 'defining moment' for you?

Look at the following scriptures together....

Matt. 28 v.19-20/ Acts 2 v.38 / Acts 8 v.35-38/ Rom. 6 v.3-6 / 1 Cor. 12 v.13)

Thirdly, let's think about you....

- What do you remember about your baptism, before, during and after?
- Why do some believers struggle to get baptised do you think?
- If there anyone in the group who hasn't yet been baptised? Why not consider putting your name down for the next one which is February 7<sup>th</sup> 2016?

Finish by giving thanks to God for what he has done in your life, we are 'redeemed' as we heard Sunday!!