

# MYSTERY

DISCOVERING WHO GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE

## Who is the Body of Christ?

### SUMMARY:

After Jesus was raised from the dead, the Bible says He went to be at the right hand of God the Father. Since Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, how does He continue to build His Kingdom on earth? He does this through His Body, the Church. As the Church we get to partner with Jesus on His mission to build God's Kingdom.

But what does it mean to be the Body of Christ? The Body of Christ gives their allegiance to Jesus and follow Him in baptism. In the Gospels we see Jesus being baptized in the Jordan River. Later, in Matthew 28 He gives the great commission, part of which is to disciple all nations, baptizing them and teaching them all that He has said. Baptism is an important mark for the Christian. It's an outward expression of the inner transformation we experience when we say yes to Jesus. When we choose to get baptized, we are following Jesus and the early Christians. We are also making a statement that we are a family of oneness and unity.

### QUESTIONS:

#### Upward

Read Matthew 3:16-17. Why do you think Jesus was baptized?

What is the significance of verse 17 where God says He is well-pleased with Jesus, even before officially starting His ministry. What do these words communicate about God's love for Jesus and God's love for us?

#### Inward

Have you been baptized? If so, share about what led you to that decision. If not, think about what might be holding you back from taking that step.

If you are considering baptism, visit the TC website to fill out a baptism interest form.

#### Outward

Who can you share this message with this week? Is there someone in your life who has questions about baptism? Help them navigate those questions.