

STARTING OVER



Part 1: TRUST

Part 2: GROW
Part 3: GIVE
Part 4: GO

If you love me, keep my commands.

~ Jesus

Go and make disciples... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

~ Jesus

APPETIZER: Teaching Them To Obey

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in [eis = into] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
~ Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20)

1 John 4:8, 16

John 14:15, 23; John 8:31-32

Q: What did Jesus command?

TRUST

1. Repent... rethink what you think you know
2. Believe... trust in Jesus
3. Come... to Jesus for rest
4. Enter... the kingdom through the narrow gate
5. Follow... Jesus
6. Die... daily and carry your cross
7. Become... like children
8. Be... baptized

THE MEETING HOUSE & DISCIPLESHIP



TRUST

Declaring/Praying
BAPTISM



GIVE

Home Church
Huddles
SUNDAY SERVICE
TITHES AND OFFERING



GROW

Sunday Teaching
HOME CHURCH
Huddle
Spiritual Practices
TMH-you



GO

Gospel Prayer
Gospel Conversations
Compassion
INVITING TO CHURCH
(REUNION STUDY)

DINE IN: Repent, Believe, Be Baptized

Matthew 3

Why was Jesus baptized?

1. **To be identified as the anointed King**, who receives the Spirit to rule with wisdom and blessing.
2. **To identify with and stand among us.** Through his baptism, Jesus identifies with us. Through our baptism, we identify with Jesus.
3. **To model the way for us.**
 - a. If we follow Jesus, we should be baptized like Jesus.
 - b. Power should be received as a gift, not taken by force.
 - c. Leadership begins with submission.

TAKE OUT: Why Should We Be Baptized?

1. Obedience (to Jesus)
2. Celebration (of the gospel)
3. Witness (to yourself and others)

NEXT WEEK:

Starting Over (part 2) – Grow

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. What are you most/least looking forward to in this fall kickoff series?
2. Of the five aspects of the discipleship cycle (Trust, Grow, Give, Go, Together) which do you find most challenging to live out?
3. Did God highlight anything in particular for you from Sunday's teaching? Any lingering questions?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

4. Read **Matthew 3**, the whole chapter.
 - a. What verse or idea seems significant to you?
 - b. "Repent" means to change your way of thinking about something (and therefore your actions too). What are some examples of things in your life that Jesus has helped you "repent" of?
 - c. What were the sins of the Pharisees that led to John being so hard on them? Have you observed any of these same issues in your own life?
 - d. Why was John hesitant to baptize Jesus? Why did Jesus insist?
 - e. The dove is a symbol of gentleness and peace (rather than power and judgement). Why is this a good symbol for the Holy Spirit?
 - f. If you are a Christ-follower, take some time to share your baptism stories. What was meaningful? Memorable? Disappointing?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

5. On a scale of 1-to-10, how serious are you about growing in your spiritual life this year? What would you like to get out of your huddle groups to help you accomplish what you desire? Talk specifically about ways you might be able to help each other.