

Sermon Notes
“Waters That Unite”
May 21, 2023

➤ **Our Mandate: ‘Make disciples...’ (Mt 28:19-20)**

i) ‘baptizing...’

ii) ‘teaching...’

Our Message (Acts 2:38)

‘Repent
(Acts 16:31)

be baptized
(Mk 16:16)

receive the Holy Spirit’
(Titus 3:5)

➤ **The Story of Deliverance**

Noah & the ark

Moses in the basket

Crossing the Red Sea

Crossing the Jordan River

➤ **Live the pattern of crossings**

Claim God’s promise (1 Pet 3:20-22)

Accept His rescue (1 Cor 10:1-5)

Break the bond of sin (Acts 22:16)

Discussion Questions

These questions are only a guide. Feel free to share how God has spoken to you, what areas you question &/or do not understand. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

In Acts 2:38, becoming a follower is threefold. What parts do you find the most difficult? Is there any part that you have yet to experience? What’s holding you back? If have all three, what difference has it made?

As followers of Jesus, we have been given a mandate. What parts of our disciple-making are we doing well? In what ways do we need to grow? Why do we shy away from this clear task?

Have you ever considered the familiar stories of Noah, Moses, etc as ‘crossings’ or baptism? What other stories of crossings and water can you think of? What is God communicating to us in story form?

How do these water accounts point us to Jesus and the nature of the church? How do they describe our walk with Jesus, and how the church is formed and commanded to journey together in our mandate?

The waters of baptism have been given to unite God’s people. However, history has shown a story of division. How are we to move beyond this and become one Body without compromising scripture?

Consider the three steps to ‘cross’ into new life in Christ. Which one(s) do you struggle with? What questions do you have? Are you willing to ask God to soften your heart in order to ‘obey all His commands’?
