

Discussion Questions to Accompany Baptismal Images

Look at the images on the handout. Which image of baptism speaks to you most profoundly and why does it resonate with you? Think of a story or encounter in your life that connects to that image (see reflection questions below). Share in groups of 2 or 3:

- 1) Introduce yourself/share your name
- 2) Which image of baptism speaks to you most profoundly and why?
- 3) Locate that image's corresponding discussion question below. Think of a story from your life in response to that question and share with your conversation partner(s)

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Dying and Rising → When have you experienced an ending that gave way to a new beginning? How did God bring that about?

New Birth → When have you experienced a complete change in your life that felt like a fresh start? How was God present in that change?

Cleansing Bath → When have you experienced a spiritual cleansing or time of spiritual renewal? What was that experience like and how did God bring it about?

Sealed by the Holy Spirit → Who has reminded you of God's pledge that you are a beloved child of God, either through their words or actions? How did they do that and how has that made a difference in your life?

Transfer → Describe a transition or pivot point in your life. How was Jesus present and what graces were a part of that new chapter?

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Clothed in Christ → Describe a time when you felt clothed in forgiveness? How did that help you feel connected to Christ?

Passage on Noah's Ark → When was God with you in a time of chaos, turbulence or uncertainty?

Enlightenment → Describe a time when the Holy Spirit "connected the dots" for you in a profound way, or you felt God's wisdom illumine a situation or course of action for you? What was that experience like?

Adoption → When have you felt adopted into a new group or community? What was that like and how was that made meaningful for you?

Grafted → How have you been nourished by Christ through the faith communities you've been a part of? What parts of worship/church are especially meaningful to you and help you feel spiritually nourished?