

“Water Baptism”

Start Talking: Use the conversation starter below or create your own!

- Share a highlight from the past week. What is something that made you smile?

Key Scripture: Read the following together. *“After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.’” 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!’ 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 ‘You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.’” Revelation 4:1-11*

1. What does this scripture tell me about me?
2. What does this scripture tell me about God?

Start Sharing: Choose a question (or several) to create openness and discussion.

- Read Matthew 6:6-13. How do we enter into the throne room of God or “the secret place”?
- Why is it important that we spend time in the throne room?
- What would be the one prerequisite to spending time in the throne room of God? Hint: Read Hebrews 4

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Father, we thank You that in Your we have life, the forgiveness of sins, and the opportunity to come into your presence with praise and thanksgiving. We ask that you would stir up a hunger and thirst in us to be people who desire to spend time in Your presence and that you would reveal Yourself to us as we press in. in Jesus’ name, amen!”