

Water Baptism - The Lord Who Sanctifies

Open The Conversation: What's a small thing that always makes a day better for you — coffee, music, sunshine, a certain food?

Key Scripture: Read the following together.

And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the Lord who sanctifies you.

Leviticus 20:8

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

Start Sharing: Choose one question to start the conversation, move onto others if time allows.

- Where in my life have you been “standing near the water” — close to obedience or surrender, but still hesitating to fully step in? What fears or excuses keep you there?
- On Sunday we heard, “You don’t graduate into the water... you go into the water because you can’t make yourself ready.” In what ways have you been trying to “get yourself together” before fully trusting or obeying God?
- On Sunday we described baptism not just as a ceremony, but as a public death and resurrection with Christ. How does that perspective change the way we view baptism and discipleship?
- Identity comes before performance — the Father called Jesus “beloved” before His ministry began. How can understanding our identity in Christ reshape the way we live, serve, and handle failure?

Start Praying: Pray together and for one another.

“Jesus, we surrender our lives to You today. We choose to live a life of obedience to You. Thank You for choosing us in our imperfection and failures. We allow You to sanctify us today. Amen.”