

Following Jesus' Example – Week 1 – 8-4-24 – Pastor Guy

1. Who in your life was a good example in your life.
2. Is there someone who you are trying to be a good example for?
3. Jesus said that he came as an example for us. In what ways do you see Jesus as an example?

Matthew 3:13-17 - Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

4. John the baptizer is the first prophet to speak for God for 430 years. How do you think the Israelites felt with no word from God for so long?
5. How do you think the 430 years of silence from God impacted the Israelites reception of John the baptizer?
6. Jesus came to be baptized by John. How do you think John felt about this based on the above verses?
7. How did Jesus being baptized set an example for John the baptizer?
8. How did it set an example for us?
9. Jesus was baptized at the beginning of his ministry. What significance might this have?

Matthew 28:19-20 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Acts 2:38-39 - Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Galatians 3:27 - So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Romans 6:1-4 - What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

10. What stands out to you about baptism from the above verses?
11. What do you think it means to be "baptized into death" with Jesus? (Rom. 6:4)
12. Why do you think that Jesus asks his followers to be baptized?
13. What does baptism mean to you?
14. If you have been baptized, what impact did it have on you? If you haven't been baptized, why not?

If you or someone you know would like to be baptized see Pastor Rod or join us for a baptism meeting happening the 2nd weekend of every month after every service at every campus.