

# CONNECT GROUPS

— life is better together —

## Week 2 Meeting (Week of Sep 25th)

Our goal for this meeting will be to continue to get to know one another, with a focus on hearing about each others' faith journey. Last week's sermon focused on baptism, especially Jesus' baptism, when God claimed Jesus as his own, empowered him with the Holy Spirit, and sent him out with work to do. This week, we'll be sharing about our own experiences of committing to following Jesus. Many of these questions may flow naturally into each other, so you may not have to follow the question order rigorously.

Check-In (view Leaders Guide for check-in suggestions)

### Discussion

1. What would you consider to be the "defining moments" in your life? This could be specific days/moments or particular seasons of life. What made these moments so important?
2. Children often have funny ideas about God or faith (e.g. rain is God crying, God is Santa Clause, Jesus can fly). Did you (or kids you know) have any funny ideas about God or faith as a child?
3. When did you begin to take your faith more seriously? What did that look like for you?
4. Share your experience of making a decision to follow Jesus. What led up to that decision? Who helped you make the decision?
5. Looking back on your commitment to faith, do you view that decision and experience differently now than you did then?
6. When Jesus is baptized, heaven is opened, God speaks to him, and the Holy Spirit descends on him. If you've been baptized, was your experience that dramatic, or not? What was it like?
7. After Jesus is baptized, the Holy Spirit leads him into the wilderness where Satan tests him for 40 days. Has your commitment to Jesus ever led you into places, situations, or relationships you wouldn't have chosen on your own?

### Prayer