



BURIED ALIVE

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Focus Water baptism reflects how we died with Christ, how our sinful nature was buried with Him and how we're raised to new, resurrection life through Him.

Open Are you more of a "sit-by-the-pool" person or a "ride-jet-skis" person? What are your favorite water sports?

Read Romans 6:1–5

- Talk**
1. Why do you think it's so important that we're water baptized?
 2. If you've been water baptized, share why you decided to be baptized. What did God do in your heart when you were baptized?
 3. Read Romans 6:4–6, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 5:24 and Colossians 2:12. What do you think it means when the Bible says we've been crucified?
 4. Water is often equated with washing. Describe what it was like for you when God washed you of all your sins?
 5. Would it have been possible for the Israelites to reach the Promised Land if they had not first passed through the Red Sea (symbolic of baptism)? In the same way, how does not being baptized keep us from reaching our full purpose and calling in Christ?
 6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 3:10 and 2 Corinthians 5:15. What does it mean to live a new, resurrected life in Christ? If you've been baptized, how did your life specifically change after baptism?

Live

1. Read Acts 22:16. Why do some people wait or delay to get water baptized? If anyone hasn't been water baptized, how can we as a group encourage one another to do so?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1–6. What are the passions and parts of your sinful nature that still need to be crucified and buried so you can live a life that better reflects the resurrection? *(Leader Note: You may want to either invite people to take time in quiet, reflective prayer to respond to the Lord on this issue. Or, if it would be appropriate based on the level of relationships within your group—you can break into smaller groups and have a time of prayer for one another about these issues.)*

Pray

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming and dying for all of our sins and transgressions and for crucifying them on the cross. Thank You for going through burial—we pray that all of our old sinful ways would be buried with You. We give You praise for Your resurrection and we ask You, Lord, for the power to live a resurrected life through faith in Jesus!