

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT BAPTISM?

1. **Involved/Committed.** Consider the following and determine who is involved and who is committed:

- a. A punk rocker shaves his head to attend a concert.
Involved *Committed*
- b. A Marine wears a uniform.
Involved *Committed*
- c. A marching band member attends a game.
Involved *Committed*
- d. A football player cheers teammates from the bench.
Involved *Committed*
- e. A young man attending a dance sits at a table.
Involved *Committed*
- f. A young person attends class but does not do homework.
Involved *Committed*
- g. A young bride says "I do" at her wedding.
Involved *Committed*

2. **Read Acts 2:37-42.** When people asked Peter what they should do in response to Jesus, what did he tell them and what happened next?

3. **PIT STOP:** Baptism means "dipping or plunging into water." In what ways do you think water is a good image for a changed life?

- You fish in water.
- Water is a great cleaning agent.
- You can drown in water.
- When you come up for air after diving into a pool you feel refreshed.
- Being near water is relaxing.
- A flood changes your life.
- Water splashed on your face will wake you up.
- Water puts out a house fire.

4. **Finish these Sparkplug Sentences:**

The last time I watched a baptism I thought...

What I like most about baptism is...

What I wonder about baptism is...

5. Baptism implies that the one baptized dedicates her total life to the triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—that through Christ's death and resurrection she is saved from her sins and has a solid hope of eternal life. What do you think it means to live out your baptism? How seriously do you live out your baptism?