

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How Are You Saved? October 11, 2026

Summary

In the first sermon of the “What’s in the Water?” series, Kyle begins by asking, “How are you saved?” From Ephesians 2:1-5, we are reminded that before we said yes to Jesus, we were spiritually dead, deceived by sin and deserving of God’s judgment. But God, because of His great love and mercy, made us alive with Christ. We are not saved by being good, religious or baptized; we are saved by God’s grace through Jesus.

Baptism is a public picture of that new life. It symbolizes that our old life has been buried and that we now belong to Christ. For those who have said yes to Jesus, this truth should lead to deep gratitude and a desire to follow Him. For those who have not yet said yes, Jesus offers the gift of new life. Our story does not have to end with “dead, deceived and doomed.” Through Jesus, it can begin with two powerful words: But God.

Scripture

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:1-5 (NIV)

Let’s Start

Have you ever been in a situation like Kyle’s cab experience, when you thought you knew what was going on, only to realize later you had completely misunderstood the situation? What happened?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

Let’s Talk

1. What stood out to you most from this message, and why?
2. When you hear the words “dead, deceived and doomed,” which of the three helps you better understand your need for Jesus?
3. Why do you think it can be difficult for people to recognize that they need to be saved?
4. Kyle described sin as something that can begin with a subtle step in the wrong direction. Where do you see the danger of small compromises in your own life?
5. What do the words “But God” mean to you personally? Can you think of a time when God changed the direction of your life?

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

6. What is the difference between mercy and grace? How does understanding both deepen your gratitude for what Jesus has done?

7. Baptism publicly identifies us with Jesus' death, burial and new life. What does your baptism—or the decision to be baptized—communicate about your relationship with Jesus?

Let's Act

One mark of spiritual maturity is learning to **follow Jesus completely**. What is one area of your life where God may be inviting you to follow Jesus more completely?

[illegible]

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

