

'The extreme U-turn'

1) *Jack mentioned getting baptised symbolises being washed. But what do you prefer baths or showers?*

2) *Is there anything that came up from the sermon that really spoke to you?
Or was there anything you really wanted to talk about as a group?*

3) Read the following passages:

Acts 2v36-39

Acts 8v12

Acts 16v25-33

Acts 22v16

Romans 6v1-4

Colossians 2v12

a) *What different things do these passages tell you about baptism?*

b) *What do you think it means to be buried with Christ?*

c) *How does the imagery of dying and rising with Christ help your walk with God?*

d) i) *How do you find repentance as a Christian?*

ii) *How do you know if repentance is genuine? (See Psalm 51 as an example of genuine repentance)*

e) *Have you been baptised? If so did you notice any effect it had on your Christian life?*

4) Digging Deeper Question – for those who want to study a bit extra

Read Romans 6.

- a) *How does the truth that baptism symbolises help us with sin?*
- b) *Do you always feel dead to sin?*
- c) *Do you find the image of dead to sin alive in Christ helpful? Why/why not?*

Please Pray:

Lesotho

Rob and Hilary have just returned to South Africa to continue their work. They have given us the following points to pray about:

- The Clinic: Please pray that the building is completed quickly and for smooth progress with the clinic registration process.
- Transport: Please pray that funds will become available for the church to be able to run its own vehicle. The car they have means travel on the gravel roads is possible, but all off-road access has to be on foot. Hospital access is currently by taxi service.

[In]Fusion

We are so encouraged that 28 kids came to [In]Fusion last Friday! Please pray that this will be the start of real growth and that we will continue to see numbers like this. Also pray that we would start to see the kids become interested in God.

Notices:

We are having a **Church BBQ** on **Sunday 20th May**. This will be held at Abbots Wood and will be straight after the morning service. Please bring your own food to put on the BBQ along with anything else you think you will need. A map of how to get there will be available on the Sunday morning. Also note that you will need to bring change with you for the car park.

Church Together: Is on **Thursday 24th May @ 7.45pm**. Please note there will be no Small group this week.

Together @ Plumpton 6th - 10th June: It is now less than a month away! Book in **ASAP** by filling in a booking form and returning it to Sue.

The Parenting Course: Starts **Wednesday 13th June @ 8pm**. Please speak to Michel or Diane Larribeau for more details.