



***LIFEgroup Discussion Questions***

***July 18, 2010***

***Matthew's Gospel: The King and His Kingdom***

**Read Matthew 3:13-17**

Open in prayer and discussion about events from the previous week

1. How does the baptism of Christ show an OT fulfillment? Read verses Isaiah 42.1 as well as John 1.32-34.
2. What else do we know regarding Jesus' life, death and resurrection as being OT fulfillment? See Genesis 49.8-12, Psalm 2, Isaiah 53.
3. What character traits of Christ are revealed in his baptism? Discuss in your group the importance of these traits to the mission of Christ on earth and how each is to be exhibited in our life.
4. Take a moment to relate each trait to a real life example in your life. What are some successes you have had in showing Christ-like character? What are some areas for improvement? What are some examples where you "dropped the ball?"
5. Why should we be baptized? What does the sacrament of baptism reflect? Read Romans 6.1-14 for further clarification and discussion.

Close in prayer. Specifically pray that Christ's character would be continually formed in each one within the group. Challenge each other to on one trait of Christ showed within the act of baptism and seek to fulfill that this coming week.