**Two Baptisms – Leader’s Notes**

**HOOK**

**1. Is speaking in public easy or difficult for you?**

**2. (For married couples: What’s the strongest memory you have of your wedding day?**

**(For singles: Is there anything unusual you’d like to include in your wedding? i.e. parachuting while reciting your wedding vows, holding the service underwater, destination wedding, etc.)**

**3. What feelings did you experience as you observed the baptism last Sunday?**

**4. Ask some members of the group to share when, where and why they were baptized in water.**

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**Read. Matthew 3:11 and Romans 6:4.**

**5. What was the meaning of water baptism in the time of John the Baptist?** (Baptism is a public repentance of sin and a public commitment to follow Jesus. It’s like a wedding ceremony. Two people are already in love, but they commit their lives to each other. In baptism, we are also reminded of Christ’s death and resurrection, and the mystical union of believers in Christ. He died for us; we live for Him.)

**6. Read Matt. 3:13-15. Why did Jesus need to be baptized if He was sinless?** (To set an example for all believers and to fulfill all righteousness.)

**7. What’s the difference between John’s baptism and Jesus’ baptism? How are the two connected? How did water baptism change in meaning after the death and resurrection of Jesus? Read Acts 2:38.**

**8. Is baptism in the Holy Spirit a one-time event like water baptism, or a continual event? Read Eph. 1:13,14; 5:18.**

**9. Read Luke 11:9-13. How do we get more of the Holy Spirit in our lives?**

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**10. How essential is the fullness of the Holy Spirit to a fruitful Christian life?** (If the Holy Spirit was necessary for Jesus to fulfill all righteousness, it’s necessary for us as well.) **How do we stay continually filled with the Holy Spirit? What empties us of the Holy Spirit?**

**11. Who are you hoping and praying will get baptized?**

**12. What has more impact on a positive marriage: the wedding day or the daily ways we express our love? What has more impact on a positive relationship with God: the day we are baptized or the daily acts of spiritual intimacy with God?**