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WE BELIEVE

THE WHAT & THE WHY

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The Sacraments

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This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10 (NIV)

Sacrament = An outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual divine grace.

Water baptism identifies the believer's union with the death and resurrection of Jesus. Communion is an active remembering of the death of Jesus until he returns. These ordinances are actively celebrated today but they are not a means of salvation. CTK Belief #7

bap-tism (bap'tiz'əm) = "immerse, dip, saturate, overwhelm or submerge into water."

Baptism is the outward physical expression of the inward spiritual regeneration of our souls.

⇒ **Jesus did it.**

Matthew 3:16–17 (NIV)

⇒ **Jesus told us to do it.**

Matthew 28:19–20a (NIV)

⇒ **It shows our life before and after Jesus.**

Romans 6:3–4 (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

- ⇒ **It shows everyone we are committing to be a lifelong follower of Jesus.**

Matthew 10:32 (NIV)

Q—Have you gone public?

Communion is an expression of spiritual community with Christ & one another.

- ⇒ **Communion is about obeying.**

1 Corinthians 11:24

- ⇒ **Communion is about remembering.**

... do this in remembrance of me."1 Corinthians 11:24b (NIV)

- ⇒ **Communion is about proclaiming.**

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)

- ⇒ **Communion is about reflecting and, if needed, confessing.**

1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (NIV)

Psalms 139:23-24 (MSG)

Q—Jesus, how am I doing?

Doing Life Together—Summer Experience

A few questions to talk over on the way home to make the message more meaningful this week.

- What is one new thought as it relates to your understanding of Baptism & Communion?
- In your own words, how would you describe the importance of baptism to a person who doesn't know?
- In what way can you practice a time of "breaking bread" with other Jesus followers this week?
- How can we pray for one another this week?