

## Conversation Starters

- What are some special events that you celebrate, and how does it look for you?
- What are some other special events our culture celebrates?

## Discuss

It is important to take the time to celebrate and commemorate the special moments in your life. They mark that time as significant and reflect a meaningful part of who you are – both to yourself and the world around you.

- What do the events you celebrate say about you?
- Are there any events that you neglect celebrating or may rush through without thinking?

The Bible teaches that Jesus asked anyone who chooses to follow him to mark that decision with baptism. And he did it in submission to what God asked, and as a model for how we are to respond to God, once that decision is made to follow him. (See *Matthew 3:13-15*)

- Do you struggle following what God asks you to do?
- What may God be asking you to do right now in your life?
- Do you look for ways to serve others throughout your day?
- Who are some people around you that you can start trying to serve?

The decision to go public for Christ and be baptized is an important one; it should not be overlooked. It's important because Jesus asked us to (*Matthew 10:32-33*), because it marks an important part of who we are, and because it lets everyone (God, us, and the world) know that we are fully committed to following God. It's a simple ask, yet a profound step. And sometimes when things are rough or awkward or intimidating, but you know the right thing to do, the simplest advice is to just do it.

- Have you ever resisted doing something or taking advice (even when you know it's right) because you want it to be on your own terms? What feelings or thoughts hold you back?
- Have you done something hard, and then realized after that it wasn't as bad as you imagined it would be?

## Next Steps

Where are you in your walk with God? Stop for 5 minutes at some point today, and pray about any next steps he may be asking you to take in your walk with him, at your job, with your family or any other way.

## Pray

Father, there are special moments that you give us in life. Sometimes we overlook them or rush through them. Help us to slow down and give the time to those special ones as we should. Thank you for them and the impact they have on our lives. Whatever step is next for us, please help us to trust you with it, and have the courage to take it.