

Unit 19, Session 3

Questions for Discussion

(Blue questions are geared toward kids ages 3rd-5th grade.)

1. **What is baptism a picture of?** *(Baptism does not save us. It is an act of obedience after we have placed faith in Jesus. Baptism is a picture of how our sinful life has been buried with Jesus and how we are raised to new life in Him.)*
2. **Why did John call Jesus the 'Lamb of God'?** *(Lams were used as a sacrifice for sins as part of God's law. The blood of the lamb was meant to show that the people's sins were being washed away. John recognized that Jesus had come to be the sacrifice that would take away people's sin once and for all.)*
3. **Are there ways you can obey God? How?** *(Our obedience to God does not save us but shows that we have trusted in God and love Him. John obeyed God's call to prepare the way for Jesus as he trusted Jesus was the only way to be saved. Think about ways you can show your love toward God through your obedience such as obeying your parents, forgiving others, speaking with love, respecting others, etc.)*
4. **John called people to repent. Why is repentance needed before we can be baptized?** *(When we repent, we recognize the seriousness of our sin, turn away from it, and turn to Jesus. Repentance is a step we take when we place our faith in Jesus because we recognize that only He can offer us the forgiveness we need. Baptism is a picture of how we have turned away from sin and have been given new life in Jesus. Read Acts 8:12)*
5. **Why is it good news that Jesus obeyed God and was baptized?** *(Jesus' perfect obedience in all things is good news because we cannot perfectly obey. When we believe in Jesus, His righteousness is given to us. Read Philippians 3:9)*
6. **How can we grow in obeying God?** *(While we can never perfectly obey God this side of heaven, we can strive toward obedience. God gives us strength and the desire to obey through the power of the Holy Spirit. Depend on the grace given through Jesus. Read Romans 1:4-5)*

If you or your children have questions about what it looks like to follow Jesus in salvation or baptism, Pastor Sam would love to talk with you! Please feel free to contact him at ssievers@lenexabaptist.com.