

# Lesson 5

The Baptism of Jesus | [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

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## START MEETING

1. When was the last time someone told you they were “well pleased” with something you did? What effect did it have on you?

## READ AND DISCUSS BIBLE

2. Why was John initially reluctant to baptize Jesus? (3:14)
3. Why did Jesus decide to be baptized? (3:15)
4. What does it mean when Jesus says that He came “to fulfil all righteousness”? (3:15)
5. In this event, we see all 3 persons of the Trinity (3:16-17). What are some characteristics of this relationship that you see between God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

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## PASSAGE FOCUS

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We can respond to God’s delight in us expressed through Jesus’ baptism by being assured of our identity as His child and committing ourselves to His purpose for our lives.

## STUDY GUIDE

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### LISTEN

Listen to this passage’s sermon before you begin the study. If you missed it, you can watch the recording on the CPC Website or Youtube Channel.

### REFLECT

Take some time to read through the passage and reflect on the questions.

### SHARE

Answer the questions and share with your Life Group.

6. Do you think Jesus needed this affirmation from God when He began His ministry (3:16-17)? Why?

### **Close meeting**

- Share about an experience in the past when God has affirmed you.
  
- In this season of your life, what area do you struggle with in your relationship with God? Is it:
  - Your posture (being willing to be submissive to God)?
  
  - Your purpose (being clear of God's calling for you)?
  
  - Your personhood (being secure in your identity as God's beloved child)?

Spend some time to pray about the area you reflected and commit it to the Lord.

Reference:

1. Bible Study Fellowship notes on Matthew
2. Serendipity Bible, New International Version