

## Sermon Based Resources for April 28

*This Sunday will be a unique one! We'll have two services - both celebrating baptism. Each will be unique as the saints of Woodlands tell their stories of going from death to life through faith in Jesus Christ. It promises to be a powerful one!*



*Because of the uniqueness of the service, our sermon based resources are also unique!*

1. The last Harbor of the year was on Thursday, April 25. We celebrated what God has done over the year in us and in our groups. We shared stories about relational impact, missional multiplication, and the power of God's Word to transform us. We ended the evening with the question, "What is your invitation?" As you reflect on the past year and the stories shared, what is God inviting you into?
  - a. *To reflect, remember and celebrate some more? Please do!*
  - b. *To just be still and enjoy God. Enjoy the community He's provided and solidify it. Do it!*
  - c. *To shift something? To expand this community? To lead in GroupLife? Listen and follow His leading/prompting.*
  - d. *There is no intention for this to be a bait and switch. Our heart at the Harbor was to paint a picture and to celebrate how we have seen God moving in our midst! And yet, if you feel Him tapping your shoulder or inviting you to follow Him, I trust that you will listen. I trust God's Spirit + invitation! I ask that you take time to be with God and listen to His invitation, however that looks for you.*
  - e. *We used the song, Christ Be Magnified, as both a time to worship God and the prayer to end the evening. You could use the same song to sit with God as you discern what He's inviting you to.*
  - f. *If you have a potential leader in your group, we're hosting a "New Leader Basics" on Sunday, May 5th during the second service + we're inviting any potential leaders to come + see what it might look like to lead in Group Life. Extend the invite to your potential leader.*
  
2. Talk about your summer plans and rhythms - both as individuals and as a group. What are your plans for spiritual growth this summer?

*We have no expectations for you as a leader to continue leading your group with the same intensity that you have throughout the school year. The summer is a great time to take a step back, be refreshed and filled up! As you talk about summer plans, **leader**, please consider your own need for rest and refreshment.*

*That being said, we are going to offer several summer resources your members or you can engage with throughout our summer series: Daniel (May 19 - June 23), Jonah (June 30 - August 4) + Ruth (August 11 - September 1). You can engage with none, one, or more, and pace yourself as you see fit. Please leave some space for discernment as you consider how you'll stay in touch over the summer and stay engaged in your pursuit of God this summer. Let this be the start of the conversation.*

3. Remember back in January when we engaged with the Align study? If so, take some time to revisit what you recorded earlier this year and consider where you are now. You can do this as a group or individually. What fruit have you seen? Praise God for it! What growing edges are you looking at now? Pray for discernment and wisdom as to how you will enter the next season (summer in Wisconsin)!

*If you don't remember the Align study/weren't here in January, that's ok! Now would be a great time to take a look at it and consider the questions it brings up. You can find the Align study [here](#).*