



## Baptism Preparation

### Welcome (10 mins)

Share your earliest memory!

### Worship (20 mins)

Background music (Matt Redman 'Turned Me Around' from 'Passion for your Name' CD) – distribute paper and pens. Write down all the things you know you have done wrong – thoughts, words or actions. Start with the most recent...and don't try and dig up everything!! After 5 minutes – go outside and collect the paper together and burn it! Whilst everyone is outside – put on people's seats a surprise – perhaps a Kinder Surprise egg. Make the point that God doesn't just take away our rubbish when we give it to him, but he also puts something good in its place (2 Cor 5:21). God is kind – and baptism represents the getting rid of the old, the being a slave to sin and receiving the new kind gifts of God.

### Word (40 mins)

- **The Great Escape:** In Old Testament – story of the Israelites in Egypt (if have video of *Prince of Egypt* – show clip of the Israelites coming out of Egypt and crossing the red sea). Egypt = land of slavery. Exodus 13:17-18. Had great escape but still had battles ahead. Ex 13:21 – God guiding his people all the time, by day and by night. God has got us out of Egypt and now needs to get Egypt out of us! Old Testament points forward to the New Testament. Moses represents Christ who freed us from spiritual slavery.
- **Thumbs Up!:** Mark 1:11 – Jesus got baptised – spiritual significance not just a duty. Before he had done anything great – sign of God's approval. Then taken into desert to be tested. Know God's approval – for who you are, not for what you've done.
- **Bargain deal:** Acts 2:38-47 –  
Repent – 'metanoia' to change your thinking, turn around.  
Baptise – means to be engulfed, swallowed up.  
Go down in water – identify with Jesus' death.  
In water – like being in the tomb...which becomes like a womb!  
Out of water – identify with Jesus' resurrection, new life and new start.

3000 repented then got baptised, then became part of community of believers – teaching, in homes, praying for each other.



Titus 3:3-7 – Biggest BUT in history! What we were like...BUT God came on the scene.

Possibly have someone to share their testimony about their journey up to and since baptism.

### **Witness (20 mins)**

In groups of 3-4, pray for each other. If anything needs to be shared that is an obstacle (sin stuff) then deal with this first. Then pray for specific needs, for the people getting baptised and generally as the Holy Spirit leads.

### **Notes**

# Cell Plan