

TAKING IT HOME

1. Announcing Your Testimony. Write out a one paragraph testimony about something God has done in your life since becoming a follower of Christ. Whom can you share this with who might be encouraged or challenged through it?

2. Live a life of Thanksgiving. One way of remembering what the LORD has done in your life is through living a life of thanksgiving. Write out a top ten list of things that you are thankful to God for. Consider sharing that list with someone.

NEXT STEPS

Which of these NEXT STEPS will you commit to in order to help you identify with Christ's death and resurrection in your life?

- ___ Do the insert *Deepening Your Walk with God*.
- ___ Accept the gift of eternal life by believing in/following after Jesus.
- ___ Celebrate with Jesus through baptism.
- ___ Remember Christ's sacrifice and thank Him at the start of each day this week.
- ___ Share one thing you learned about God this week with someone.
- ___ Other: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Embrace Your Rites

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7 (NIV84)

Celebrate. IDENTIFY! Remember.

The Central Reality:

- God brought salvation through Christ.

The Believer's Response:

- Confess and Believe in Christ.

The Initiatory Rite:

- Announce/Celebrate through baptism.

The Believer's Role:

- Live and Love in response to Christ.

The Ongoing Rite:

- Remember through Communion.

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Deepening Your Walk with God

For the week of May 1, 2016

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at the Taking It Home section and Next Steps from last week, how did last week's sermon cause you to live differently?
(Be sure to check out lakeviewowego.com for additional resources for this week's sermon.)

MY STORY

1. Describe the most fun/weirdest thing you have ever done at a baby/bridal shower or bachelor party.

2. Describe the best birthday party you ever had.

3. What is the purpose of baby showers/bridal showers/bachelor parties and what is the purpose of birthday parties? How are they similar and how are they different?

DIGGING DEEPER

Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower you to identify with Jesus in every area of your life at all times.

1. **Celebrate.** Read Acts 10:39-48. What was the first question that Peter asked when he realized that the Gentiles he was speaking to had received the Holy Spirit (indicating their having been saved)?

When someone is baptized they identify with Christ's death and resurrection, announce their salvation to the world around them, and celebrate that salvation. In what other ongoing ways can we announce and celebrate what God has done through our salvation?

2. **Remember.** Read Exodus 12:1-17. What was the Passover and why did the LORD instruct the Israelites to celebrate it?

In verses 14 and 17 what is the Passover called and why was it so important for the LORD to require the Passover of the Israelites?

Read Luke 22:14-19. When Jesus says "do this in remembrance of me" what parallel or connection is there between that statement and the command the LORD gave the Israelites about the Passover?

3. **Don't Forget.** Read the following verses from Deuteronomy: 4:9, 4:23, 5:32, 6:3, 6:12, 6:25, 8:1, 8:11, 12:1, and 12:28. What are the two things that the Israelites are warned about?

What do you see as the relationship between these two things (don't forget the LORD, obey every command)?

Baptism and communion are two ways that we can "remember" or "take heed." What are some other ways that you can be careful to remember the LORD in the upcoming weeks?