



IN THE ZONE

In the Zone of Obedience

Announcements

You asked. We Answered. Men's Event is Back! Register today and come enjoy powerful worship, an impactful message, breakfast, and an epic outdoor afterparty!

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Summary

Baptism is an outward sign of inner change. To stay in the zone, we must keep on the path of trusting God and taking a step of obedience.

Conversation Starters

- Have you ever felt like you were in the zone? Like every shot was falling, every idea was productive and/or you just felt completely connected in the moment? Share with the group on being in the zone.
- Are you a Spring person or would you rather move on to Summer as quickly as possible?

Discussion Questions

- Read John 10:10 (NIV). What does it mean to you to be in the spiritual zone: God's Zone? What do you think it looks like to "have life, and have it to the full"?
- We learned about the Obedience Zone: Simple Obedience Produces Profound Results. Is that the life you are living? If not, what is keeping you from following that pathway?
- Have you ever let excuses, obstacles, and fears stop you from doing something you knew God wanted you to do? Maybe it was complimenting a stranger, or tithing. Or perhaps it was something big like trying something new or taking a big risk like moving homes or changing jobs. Share what fear, obstacles, and excuses has held you back from.
- Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will." What area in your life do you need to trust God with? Is there a step of obedience that God is asking you to take?
- For those who have been baptized, please share what that experience was like, what it means to you, and why you wanted to take that step of obedience.

- Baptism Is An Outward Sign Of An Inward Change. It is our first call to obedience, a moment of decisive action that can shift the spiritual momentum of your life. When you get to witness others being baptized, how does that experience affect you?
- Have you taken the step to be baptized as an adult? If not, can you identify the obstacle(s) you think are hindering you from making that decision?
- Read Mark 1:9-11 (NIV) and Acts 16:30-33 (NIV): We see that baptism pleases the Lord. Why do you think baptism is such an important step in your faith journey?
- Read Romans 6:3-5 (MSG). Baptism is a re-creation of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus as we are lowered into the water and brought back up again. When you were baptized, could you feel a spiritual renewing?
- The hymnal says, "Trust and obey, for theirs no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." How does putting your complete trust in God help you to be obedient to Jesus?
- James 1:22 reminds us, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Take a moment to reflect on the specific steps of obedience God is prompting you to take in your life. Can you identify them?

For Further Study

- Take some time this week to consider the meanings of baptism in the Bible. The Israelites were safely taken through the Red Sea by a parting of the waters. Noah and his family were saved from the waters of the great flood. Jesus was baptized and the voice of God came from the heavens. When we rise from the baptismal waters we have the renewal of God's gift through Jesus. Have you had this experience?
- John 3:5 says: "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Is this kind of renewal present in your life?

Pick One

Memorize John 10:10, our theme verse
for this series

If you have not been baptized, take
time to consider if you are ready to
take that step of obedience.

