



Sunday Bible Study Guide | May 25, 2025

Sermon

The Dove - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2, 8:11-12; Joshua 3:14-16; Mark 1:4-5, 9-11; Matthew 28:19; Revelation 22:17

Context: Pastor Jared reminded us of the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When we choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit enters into us and we become a new creation! He brings us affirmation by reminding us of who(se) we are and He will carry to completion the work He began in us through setting us apart, i.e. - sanctification.

Mixer

1. Share an experience you've had a feeling about something, i.e. calling a friend, taking a different route to work, etc. and didn't. Later you realized that feeling had been the Holy Spirit nudging you.
2. Share about your baptism experience.

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Genesis 1:1-2. What do we learn about the Holy Spirit from this passage? What significance does water have with creation?
2. Read Genesis 8:11-12 and Mark 1:9-11. What does the dove represent in these passages?
3. Read Exodus 2:3-5 and Joshua 3:14-16. How was water significant throughout history?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. In Mark 1:4-5, we see John the Baptist baptizing Gentiles in the Jordan River. In Mark 1:9-11, Jesus is baptized and a dove descends. How does Jesus knit himself to creation? (See Genesis 1:1-2.)
2. Jesus tells His disciples in Matthew 28:19 to go and make disciples, and baptize them. What can we learn from this passage and what does it mean for us?

Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. Pastor Jared talked about the metaphors we use today around water, i.e. drowning in debt, in deep waters, etc. What steps can you take to turn over what you are drowning in to Him?
2. Read Revelation 22:17. This is the promise of our future when we will become complete. How does that give you hope today?
3. Have you been baptized? If not, you can register here: thechurchrb.org/baptism



Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

Your Circle Can Make An Impact!

Message from Kyle & Mita~

From May 18th-24th, a team of 9 church members traveled to the Dominican Republic to work with Children of the Nations (COTN), a nonprofit whose mission is to provide holistic, Christ-centered care for orphaned and destitute children, enabling them to create positive and lasting change in their nations. While there, the team was tasked with building more beds in 1 week than the organization had ever before tackled - they built 30 beds in 2.5 days for kids who had never before had their own!

And at the end of the week, the team delivered those beds as a surprise to kiddos in the neighborhood of Algodon, a community where, without the help of COTN, the children have no access to social services such as education and healthcare. The team was so blessed to be God's "Plan A" in this way and Impact looks forward to heading back to the DR in September! If you want to join us, apply here:

