



## BREAKING THE ICE

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Last week we asked you to write down who God says you are. What did you write down? How easy or hard is it to believe who God says you are?

When your check engine light comes on your car, how long do you wait to go to the mechanic to have it looked at?

## MAIN CONTENT

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This week Pastor Kevin finished our ICON series talking about the check engine light in our car. It's a symbol that something is going on. The things we have discussed in the last few weeks are all symbols of our faith and what goes on in our lives.

1. What do you see as a symbol for your faith?

The power behind symbols is what is behind them. The symbols (icons) we have been studying these last few weeks are a representation of Jesus and His power in our lives. This week's ICON (symbol) we discussed is baptism.

2. What does baptism mean to you?

Baptism was created by God. In Genesis 1:1 we see where God baptized the earth with water. Then it carries into the new testament in Mark 1: 9-11 where Jesus was baptized.

There were specific criteria you had to have to be a priest: washed in water, 30 years old, called by God, baptized by a priest, male, had to be after ordination, descended from Aaron and without sin. Jesus was all of these things so when He was baptized by John He became the High Priest.

After Jesus was baptized and started his ministry, He gave a sermon know as, The Great Commission.

**Read Matthew 28: 16-20**

3. If you were to sum up the Great Commission what would you say about it?

Jesus told His disciples to make disciples, baptize them and teach them. Our life is bigger than ourselves. Once we become a follower of Jesus, our lives involve others. We are to help others know who Jesus is.

4. How do you live out the Great Commission in your life?

One way we are living out the Great Commission is being baptized. It's telling others you put your trust in something bigger than yourself, in Jesus. We also become a priesthood of believers once we are baptized. In the priesthood we have VIP access to God. Through our trust in Jesus and what He has done for us, we now have access to God any time.

5. How do you live with your VIP access to God in your life?

In the priesthood of believers know you have been chosen. When we go public with our faith to follow Jesus you can be certain God chose you before your ministry began. you've also been set apart.

6. How does it make you feel to know you have been chosen and set apart by God? How can you live that out in your life?

The last thing we need to remember when we become a part of the priesthood of believers is God has a ministry for you. He gave you natural, relational, spiritual and physical gifts to use for the ministry He has called you into.

7. How do use your gifts for the ministry God has called you into?

The easiest way for us to use our gifts is to start serving. Serve others in your job, family, at church and those God puts in your life. Our identity should be tied to Christ and serving out of our relationship with Him.

8. How can you serve others with the gifts God has given you? Are you currently serving at Cross Point? If not, what keeps you from serving? If you are serving, how do you see God use your gifts in serving?

## CLOSING PRAYER

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God, thank you for inviting us into the priesthood of believers. For those of us who are still trying to figure out what it means to follow you, will you show us what that means and put people in our lives that can help teach us what that looks like. For those of us who are thinking about baptism, will you give us the courage to follow through with that next step. For those of us who have been baptized and need a little encouragement to walk out our ministry and gifts, will you remind us what you have called us to do and give us the courage to walk in freedom and your ministry plan for our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

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- + If you have not been baptized we want to invite you to take that next step. Go to [www.crosspoint.tv/baptism](http://www.crosspoint.tv/baptism) for more information
- + Pray about what your ministry looks like. Ask God to reveal to you your next steps in your ministry.
- + If you want to start serving at Cross Point go to: [www.crosspoint.tv/getinvolved](http://www.crosspoint.tv/getinvolved)