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ON THE MOVE WITH BAPTISM

PASSAGE: ACTS 8

OUTLINE:

Every Christian needs to be baptized because it's:

- Totally Biblical
- Extremely Personal
- Immediately Applicable
- And Spiritually Meaningful

SHARE: GET TALKING (15 min)

- Share your baptism story with the group. When were you baptized? Who baptized you? What were some of the most meaningful moments of your baptism?

STUDY: GO DEEPER (30-45 min)

- Read Acts 8:30-33. What an amazing story of God opening a door for Philip to share the Gospel! Talk about the most recent time you've shared the Gospel with someone.
- Read Acts 8:35. Sometimes we don't share the Gospel because we're afraid we'll say the wrong thing or leave something out, but it doesn't have to be complicated! Review the A, B, C's of what someone must believe to be saved:
 - A- Admit they are a sinner. Read Romans 3:23. What's most impactful to you about this verse?
 - B - Believe that Jesus died a death for their sin and rose from the grave to give them eternal life. Read John 1:12. What truth in this verse is most meaningful to you?
 - C - Confess Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord. Read Romans 10:8-9. What must a person do to be saved by God?

- Read how Peter preached the Gospel in Acts 2:22-24. How does the physical act of baptism symbolically represent the spiritual truth of what God has done in a believer's life?
- Read Acts 8:12-13. How does this verse support the teaching throughout the New Testament of 'belief than baptism?'
- Think about the service you attended this past weekend. Which stories of God at work most impacted you? Why?

SUPPORT: GROW TOGETHER (30-45 min)

- Our topic last week was Moving with faith. What did you discuss last week with the group that you wanted to see changed in your life? Can you share any progress?
- Share a story of how you're seeing God at work in the last 72 hours of your life.
- How can we support and pray for you this week?

RENEW YOUR MIND: MEMORY VERSE

And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the Eunuch said, 'See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?' - Acts 8:36

LEADER TIP OF THE WEEK:

It's been an amazing start to our ministry year throughout all of our Growth Groups. Thank you for your faithfulness and helping others in your group believe in, belong to and become more like Jesus! This week is a great time to do an early assessment of where your group is and ways you can strengthen the ministry already happening. Use the "Growth Plan" on page 35 of your Lead 101 workbook to help you assess where your group is at and where you'd like it to be in the coming weeks!