



Healthy Church

Session Seven: The Ordinances of the Church

HEALTHY CHURCH

THE ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 3:13-17; 26:26-30; ACTS 2:41-47

1. IN BAPTISM WE _____ HOW OUR FAITH STORY _____.

Matthew 3:13-17

2. IN THE LORD'S SUPPER WE _____ TO HOW OUR FAITH STORY _____.

Matthew 26:26-30

3. BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER HELP US _____ AND _____ CHRIST'S PROMISES _____.

Acts 2:41-47

APPLY

Thinking about today's study, is there something in your attitude about baptism or the Lord's Supper that needs to change or an action that you need to take?

LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK...

LESSON #8

WORSHIP, GIVING, PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE**

MATTHEW 6:1-15; JOHN 4:21-24

THE LESSON AT A GLANCE

Healthy churches worship God, give generously, and pray faithfully, among other things. When we gather weekly as the church, we bring our individual experiences with God into a collective experience.

Corporate worship was never intended to be the full extent of our spiritual lives, but rather a meeting of God's people to worship Him, celebrate His faithfulness, and commune with Him together as the people of God.

Donald Whitney, in his book, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, wrote, "Can we expect the flames of our worship of God to burn brightly in public on the Lord's Day when they barely flicker for Him in secret on other days?"

Our public worship reflects our private devotion. Our challenge this week, and always, is to stoke the flame of our faith throughout the week as we prepare our hearts to meet with God and His people each Sunday.

THE MAIN IDEA

A healthy church worships God, gives generously, and prays faithfully.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

How do our private disciplines of worship, giving, and prayer impact the health of the church as a whole?

