

- Sing one or two songs from morning worship (printed in bulletin, available at [redeemerprestemple.org](http://redeemerprestemple.org) under the “Resources” tab)
- Read the Scripture passage
- Pray with a specific focus on people and situations in the group (spiritual growth, needs, encouragement, rejoicing)
- Pray for the truths discussed from the Scripture study to more deeply permeate our lives and empower us for service and mission together

## Discussion Questions

1. (Get to know you question) If you could be the hero in any movie/tv show/book/etc., who would you be and why?
2. Why do you think we tend to read the Bible as a handbook on how to win our life's battles, or a spiritual self-help book? Can you think of examples for how we do this? How does this put us in danger of missing the point of Scripture?
3. Many expositors believe that this passage was originally an early creed or hymn. How do creeds help focus our faith on the Person and work of Christ?
4. What are the movements of Jesus' hero's journey in this passage? How do you see it tracking with the creeds we regularly recite in worship (Apostle's, Nicene)?
5. In your own words, based on this passage, what is the significance of baptism? How does your baptism empower your walk with Christ?
6. How can we implement Martin Luther's encouragement to "remember your baptism" in our everyday lives?

## Announcements

- Pray for our friends and missionaries the Clows in Honduras
- An Intro to Redeemer class will take place October 15, 22, and 29 after the worship service

## 1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.