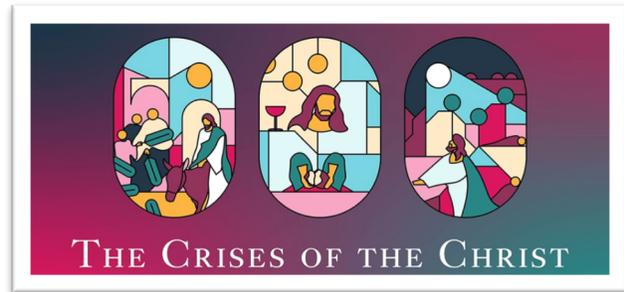


THE PREPARATION OF THE CHRIST

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As a Christian, I must prepare for my own life and mission, as Christ did.

- *As Christ was incarnate, so I must put on Christ
(Matt1:18-21; Jn1:14a; Phil2:6-7; 1Tim3:16a; Gal3:27)*
- *As Christ grew in wisdom and maturity, so I must be growing
(Lk2:39-52; Heb5:8-9; Heb6:1)*
- *As Christ was baptized, so I must be baptized and find my identity in him
(Matt3:13-17; Acts2:38)*
- *As Christ resisted temptation, so I must choose holiness
(Matt4:1-11; Heb4:15; Jn8:46; Rom6:11-12; 1Pet1:15)*

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you a person that likes to prepare for what's next, or do you just go with the flow? When do you think preparation is better than just winging it? Why does God take time to help us prepare to represent him while we serve others?

2. *Galatians 3:27 links the concepts of being baptized into Christ with putting on Christ. In context, these are statements of our new identity. Believers represent themselves in unity according to their allegiance to Jesus. Have you put on Christ in this way? How do you work to overcome culturally divisive issues related to ethnic preferences (i.e., Jew nor Greek), social inequality (i.e., Slave nor free) or gender (i.e., male nor female) within the context of church?*

