

November 2, 2008, Tony Wood, Pastor

TAPESTRY : 8

FINDING GOD IN INTIMATE CEREMONIES
Acts 8:26-39

Baptism

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Deuteronomy 23:1

Isaiah 56:3-5

Romans 6:3-7

Communion

Luke 22:15-20

1 Corinthians 11:27, 29

Sermon Application:

1. Within the tapestry of our lives, we find ourselves picking up habits or routine behaviors. What ceremonies to I have in my life and what's the difference between these and routine behaviors?
2. God has instituted certain ceremonies intended for us to practice. What might be God's purpose for establishing any ceremonies? Explain.
3. In Pastor Tony's message, he recognized two intimate ceremonies that God has instructed us to practice baptism and communion. Have both of these been a part of my life? Explain.
4. Baptism was important to the Ethiopian eunuch. Do I have the same eager and enthusiastic attitude toward baptism as he did? If not, why?
5. Communion with Jesus during the Last Supper must have been very intense ... betrayal, denial, foot-washing ... but mostly it was personal! Each week when given the opportunity to take communion, is my experience both intense and personal? Explain.
6. When Jesus had finished explaining the bread and cup to the disciples at the Last Supper, he then said, "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another". (John 13:34 ESV) What examples of love did He demonstrate to His disciples that I should demonstrate in my life? How does this affect the intimacy of communion?
7. Both baptism and communion are important to God and are filled with meaningful relationship overtones. Let's get real now ... what can I do differently as I approach my relationship with Jesus, to prevent me from ever lessening the importance of these intimate ceremonies? Explain.

"...certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection." John 6:5

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