Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
318 Auburn Ave, Pontiac, Michigan
November 22, 2026 Sunday School Lesson Discussion Points
Bible Studies For Life Series - Young Adult/Adult Class

The Beauty of Forgiveness
The Declaration of Forgiveness – When we are forgiven by God, we should let everyone know it.
Acts 10:44-48; 16:30-34; 19:1-5

Lead In: This lesson focuses on a Christan being water baptized but we will also talk about the things that make water baptism meaningful.

I. **Acts 10:44-48** (**Possessing the Holy Spirt is proof that we're forgiven of sin**)
- A. Possessing the Holy Spirit is the definitive proof that someone has put their trust in Jesus Christ and are forgiven of their sins. (vs. 44-46) (***Ep 1:7 AMP***) **John 7:37-39 (NLT)**; **John 14:16-17 (AMP)**; **Ephesians 1:13 (TLB)**; **Romans 8:9 (TLB)**
- B. Water baptism is the initial visible sign or declaration that someone has put their trust in Jesus Christ. (vs. 47-48)
  Matthew 3:13-16; **Matthew 28:16-20 (TLB)**

II. **Acts 16:30-34** (**We are forgiven of our sins when we trust in Jesus Christ**)
- A. We are saved or forgiven of our sins when we believe in, trust in or put our faith in Jesus Christ. (vs 30-34)
  Colossians 1:13-14 (ERV); **Mark 16:15-16 (NLV)**; Romans 10:9
- B. Water baptism is the initial visible sign or declaration that someone has put their trust in Jesus Christ. (vs. 33-34)
  Acts 2:37-41 (TLB); **Acts 8:34-39 (TLB)**

III. **Acts 19:1-5** (**Salvation or forgiveness is only in Jesus Christ**)
- A. Salvation or forgiveness is only in the name of Jesus Christ. (vs. 1-5)
  Romans 5:15-19 (TLB); Acts 4:10-12
- B. Water baptism is based on Jesus Christ' death, burial and resurrection. (vs. 5)
  Romans 6:4 (EASY); **Colossians 2:12 (CEV)**

Words of Encouragement:
"12 And when you were baptized, it was the same as being buried with Christ. Then you were raised to life because you had faith in the power of God, who raised Christ from death." Colossians 2:12 (CEV)

Next Lesson: ***The Evidence of Forgiveness – Matthew 18:21-35***