

Introduction:**Texts:** Mark 16:15-16, 19**A. Four Reasons for Water Baptism**

1. To follow Christ's example (Matthew 3:16-17).
2. To obey Christ's command (Matthew 28:16-20)
3. To emulate the apostles' practice (Acts 2:32-33, 37-39, 41).
4. To testify about our new life in Christ (Romans 6:1-4).

Note: Katherine Valencia's testimony.**B. Compelling Reasons for Christ's Global Mandate**

1. The world needs to hear the gospel or the good news of salvation from sin, secured by Christ's death and resurrection for us (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).
2. The world will get worse toward the end of time (Matthew 24:3, 12-14; 2 Timothy 3:1-5).
3. God will eventually destroy the world by fire (2 Peter 3:10-14)
4. Heaven is real and hell is real (John 14:1-2; Mark 9:43-48)

Reflections:

1. From last Sunday's sermon outline, pick the teaching most relevant and applicable to your life. Group Discussion.

Read: Romans 6:1-4; Galatians 2:20

2. In your daily life, how do you live out the reality of your death and resurrection with Christ, symbolized by your water baptism? Personal Examples.

Read: Romans 1:16; Matthew 5:13-16.

3. As an agent of the gospel, how do you become "salt and light" to influence others for Christ? Personal Examples.

4. In light of last Sunday's sermon, how will you support our church's mission and vision?

Mission: We exist to worship God heartily, evangelize people globally, disciple believers deeply.**Vision:** Build a blended community of Christ's followers.**Personal Sharing.****P R A Y**