

# I Baptism

## 1. Water

Evans travels through the imagery of the Bible to show us how water is used repeatedly to symbolize life and the presence and hand of God. What are some of the ways in which water is critical to our lives today? Are there ways that we can relate those images of water symbolically to the work of God?

## 2. Believer's Baptism

By Evans' definition, we are "baptized" by all of the people who introduce us to Jesus. Looking back on your life, who would you list as the people who "baptized" you in this sense? In other words, who was responsible for introducing you to Jesus?

## 3. Naked on Easter

Evans quotes Romans 6:4: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." What are we celebrating the "death" of in baptism? What about us actually dies so that we may live that new life?

## 4. Chubby Bunny

This chapter is not a theological or doctrinal discussion, but simply an anecdotal background for a life view. Can you look back in your life to see times and church leaders in your life that shaped your early views toward church and religion?

## 5. Enough

Andrew says that he realizes that "baptism is done at the beginning of your faith journey, not the middle or the end." What do we need before we're ready to be baptized, and is that enough? Why or why not?

## 6. Rivers

Evans says that grace has gotten "out of hand"...out of control. And yet, who is in control? What are the best ways that we can "prepare the way" and "make clear the path" for the Lord to extend the grace that He is spreading forth to the world around us?