

Thought and Discussion Questions for Churches in the Shape of Scripture Chapter 2: Salvation and Church Membership in the New Testament Shape

Where do we read about the beginning of the church and how did those people become members?

What are some facts Dan says we must be convinced of?

What teaching about how we are saved does Dan think is a “fox-hole and fight” teaching? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

What is the relationship between membership in God’s church and salvation, can you have one without the other?

What does a look at church history tell us about the way baptism was practiced and taught from the time of the apostles until 1500 AD?

What are some passages that show a clear connection between baptism and salvation?

Does salvation by faith eliminate the need for baptism in salvation? Why? or Why not?

Why is immersion of only believers a battle worth fighting? Or is it?

How should we handle those who have not been immersed as believers for the forgiveness of sins?