

Handout 1

Read aloud the following scenario:

One of your friends is being taught by the full-time missionaries. She approaches you and says, “In the last lesson, the missionaries invited me to be baptized. I believe in Jesus Christ and accept what the missionaries are teaching me. But I don’t understand why I need to be baptized, since I was already baptized in my church as a child.”

Discuss with your partner how you would respond to this friend using Matthew 3:13–17. Be prepared to share what you discuss. (See also Doctrine and Covenants 22 to learn how the Lord responded to some who expressed the same concern in the early days of the Restoration).

Handout 2

Read aloud the following scenario:

You and one of your friends, a Christian, are having a religious discussion. He turns to you and says, “I believe that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are all one being. Do you believe something different? If so, why?”

Discuss how you would respond to this friend using Matthew 3:13–17. Be prepared to share what you discuss. (Along with the account in Matthew 3, consider using John 17:20–22. These verses record that Jesus prayed that the Father would make all of His followers one, as He and the Father are one (unified in purpose). Jesus was not suggesting that all disciples of Christ become one being.)

