

# UNITED WITH CHRIST

## CENTRAL TRUTH

Believers are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. We are new creations! Therefore, by the Spirit's power, we are to live in a way that pleases God. This week, we will see that **believers have been united with Christ and empowered to walk in new life.**

## KEY QUESTION

← **What does it mean for believers to be “baptized into Christ”?**

This means that those who have trusted in Jesus are joined to Him and His death and resurrection. We have died to sin because of Jesus' death for sin, and because He was raised from the dead, believers walk in newness of life.

## KEEP IN MIND

- I In this week's passage, we will unpack what baptism is in the **Theology Note**. As you work through this teaching, encourage students to reflect on this practice and consider this step of obedience if they have not already done so. Loop in student ministry leaders and parents/guardians as students express interest in being baptized.
- I The concept of being dead to sin may lead students to assume that believers never sin. However, this is not the case. Help students to understand that Paul's point is to teach believers that we have been rescued by God from sin's rule and are empowered to live in a way that pleases Him.

## APPLICATION

- I **Who are some believers in our lives we can encourage with the reminder of the new life and power we've received in Christ?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Through Jesus' death and resurrection, believers are no longer under sin's dominating control. The Holy Spirit resides within us and empowers us to walk in the new life Jesus secured for us.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Believers are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. Come prepared to help students practically think through what it means to live in total devotion to Jesus and to reject sin when they're confronted by it each day.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?