



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

In this TXT Fondue, we want to provide you with a manual for the baptismal feast, and explain to you what the sacrament of baptism is all about. We suggest you start the house feast with this TXT Fondue, you then baptize those who want to be baptized, and you then take a festive meal, that you conclude with the Last Supper. You should definitely invite guests for this feast, because it is a clear testimony that you want to dedicate your life to King Jesus.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the second fundament: baptism.

We recommend you to read the book of Deuteronomy while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:

2.03 Resurrection

This program:

2.04 Baptism

Next program:

2.05 Trinity

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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What do you need to take into account when organizing a baptism?

1. *Testimony.*

Before we baptize someone, we must be convinced that this person really has converted. This is why we will be asking the person to be baptized to openly express himself or herself at the end of this TXT Fondue, by means of a personal testimony, which should say some things on the life that is being left behind, and that he or she now chooses for a life of dedication to and in relationship with King Jesus.

2. *Openness.*

To further increase the openness, family and friends are invited.

3. *Baptismal font.*

A baptismal font is prepared in advance, on the balcony, in the back yard or in the bathroom. It is also possible to rent a baptismal font.

4. *Baptizers.*

Two persons are appointed to baptize the person to be baptized. We choose for two persons, because it is rather heavy to do this alone. In principle anyone may do this, but we prefer that it be regular participants to the house feasts. Baptism services take place in the house feasts, and this is why we know that the elder will be supervising.

5. *Clothing.*

The person to be baptized brings an extra set of clothing. In the House Feast Network, we strongly prefer that one is baptized in normal clothing, so that the person who is baptized will feel at ease. In addition, it is wise to wear proper underwear, because wet clothing can become somewhat revealing.

6. *The baptism.*

Once the above five preparations have been made, the act itself can be carried out. This means that the two persons push the person to be baptized completely under water, and immediately pull this person up again.

7. *Baptism song.*

After the baptism, it is good to sing the favorite song of the person who was baptized. This is a pleasurable memory to the baptism for all your life.

8. *Baptism card.*

After the baptism, the person who was baptized receives time to change clothing. After that, the person who was baptized receives a baptism card, as proof that he or she has really been baptized. The baptism card usually also contains a Bible verse and/or a prophecy from the couple in whose home the house feast is held. A baptism card that may be used for this purpose, is included on page 9 of this TXT Fondue.



1a. In the house feasts, we invite guests who will experience how we believe, what we believe, and why we believe. We want to be hospitable to anyone who sits down at the table with us. In this program, we will explain what you do to take the second step in your faith, namely: to be baptized. Baptism is a "sacrament", which is an act that is instructed in the New Testament to carry it out when believers come together. Name four sacraments.

(answer) There are several possible answers, such as:
Praying the sinner's prayer with converts, baptize, dedicate newborns, pray for the fulfilling with the Holy Spirit, laying on hands, eat the Last Supper, drive out demons (exorcism), marriage, funeral.



2a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

All male Jewish babies are circumcised. This is a physical sign of the parents' commitment, through which they make their child part of the covenant that they have made with God the Father. Believers who are true to the Bible and their children do not need to be circumcised, but they do have a sign that makes the circumcision of the heart visible. The team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what this sign looks like.

(answer) Baptism by submersion in water. (Show this using two baptizers and one person to be baptized.)

(comment) *Romans 2:28-29 says: "A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God."*

3a. We now turn to the Bible book Exodus. This book describes the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery. This took place through water. God the Father used Moses as a leader. How is the early life of Moses a clear sign of liberation through water?

(answer) He came as a baby in a basket made of bulrushes through the water from the Jews' slavery to the Egyptians.

(comment) *In this story, the name Moses receives the meaning: "he who was pulled out of the water". The name later also refers to "pulling out of Egypt".*

4a. What do you need to do before you can let yourself be baptized?

(answer) Convert yourself; accept that King Jesus died for you on the cross.

5a. After the pharaoh let the people of Israel go, they passed through the Red Sea. This is an image of baptism. Which three things happened there, which you can compare to yourself, when you let yourself be baptized?

(answer) The other team must name all three points:

1. You are saved from slavery.
2. Your enemies drown (die).
3. You can't go back; the water closes behind you.



6a. When someone is baptized, the baptizer often will say: "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the Name of King Jesus." Why is this sentence said in such detail?

(answer) Both forms are mentioned in the Bible, so that most baptizers choose to be exhaustive and use both.

(comment) King Jesus says in Matthew 28:19–20a: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The other text is Acts 2:37–38, where it says: "When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

7a. Acts 22:16 says: "And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name." The Bible basically speaks of letting yourself be baptized within three days of your conversion. Not in all cases can you respond to that immediately. Which Biblical fundament, with the associated Biblical feast, is the best moment to let yourself be baptized?

(answer) Pesach.

(comment) The first fundament is about conversion and about the first Biblical feast, Pesach Seder. This goes together with the second fundament about baptism and about the second Biblical feast, Pesach. Part of this second fundament are the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of First Fruits.

8a. Part of Pesach are the Feast of Unleavened Bread and the Feast of First Fruits. With which part of baptism is the Feast of Unleavened Bread associated, and with which part of baptism is the Feast of First Fruits associated?

(answer) The other team must name both points:

- The Feast of Unleavened Bread is about going under water.
- The Feast of First Fruits is about rising from the dead.



9a. Let's go deeper into the age that you can let yourself be baptized. The Bible does not give guidelines about this. But how can you best deal with baptism as a teenager? Choose from:

- a. Letting yourself be baptized immediately.**
- b. Not letting yourself be baptized.**
- c. Writing a dedication in your Bible and letting yourself be baptized at a later age.**
- d. Letting your parents make that decision.**

(answer) The correct answer is: "c. Writing a dedication in your Bible and letting yourself be baptized at a later age."

(comment) It is necessary for teenagers to independently live the process of making that decision.



10a. The first three fundamentals are conversion, baptism by submersion in water, and baptism in and fulfillment with the Holy Spirit. After these steps, you are a child of God the Father. Why is it not possible for you to miss one of these three fundamentals?

(answer) These three are inseparable. It is an eternal institution, in which you must be obedient to God the Father.

11a. Baptism means death. Which parable did King Jesus tell regarding this subject?

(answer) John 12:24: "Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

(comment) 1 Corinthians 15:37a,38-39 further illustrates this: "When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another."



12a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Someone from the team asking the question will demonstrate using pantomime what the followers of King Jesus absolutely need to know. The other team will try and guess these forbidden words.

(answer) "The Lord is risen indeed."

Closing questions (both teams): The person to be baptized can now share his or her testimony. In addition, we invite all those who are present in this house feast, to also respond to the appeal of the apostle Peter: repent, be baptized, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Is there someone else who wants to be baptized right now?



1b. Elders keep a watchful eye on things during a house feast. We also have parents in our midst, who raise their children spiritually. What is the first step that parents take in this spiritual upbringing?

(answer) Dedicating.

(comment) *In Luke 2:22–23, we also see Joseph and Mary do this with King Jesus: "When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord')."*

2b. Jonah was a man of God the Father who received an assignment. He was disobedient and did the opposite. He took a ship in the other direction. When God the Father used a storm to make it clear to him that he was going the wrong way, he got remorseful and let himself be thrown overboard. He was submerged under water and was saved by a miracle.

King Jesus uses this image as an image of baptism. Is letting yourself be baptized a matter of obedience or of dedication? Please explain.

(answer) It is a matter of obedience. It is the assignment to let yourself be washed clean of your sins. That is a requirement to enter into your new life while being clean.

(comment) *Fundamentals 4, 5 and 6 are about dedication. Fundamentals 1, 2, and 3 are about obedience. Baptism is fundament 2.*

3b. God the Father knows that slavery can only be stopped through a big intervention. But the danger is great that it will be replaced through an addiction (enslavement). How does God the Father prevent you to fall back into the suppression of slavery?

(answer) Here, baptism is the image of death. You break with the past through death.

4b. When you think of baptism, you shouldn't just think about something simple. The people of Israel were not automatically released to celebrate a feast in the desert. Great spiritual warfare preceded their flight. What was this spiritual warfare in Egypt?

(answer) The ten plagues.

5b. When someone is baptized in a lake, a pool or a bath tub, is this a reason to celebrate, or is it time to say condolences? Please explain.

(answer) It is time to celebrate. There is nothing to commemorate; it is a feast, because the person who was baptized starts a new life in discipleship.

(comment) *Right after the passage through the Red Sea, the people of Israel also had an enormous feast.*

6b. Acts 8 tells the story of a eunuch (chamberlain) who first heard the gospel of King Jesus from Philip, who explained it to him. The eunuch then asked him: "Here is water. Can I be baptized, yes or no?" What was the condition for him to be baptized?

(answer) That he believed with all his heart that King Jesus is the Son of God the Father.

(comment) *This is described in Acts 8:37.*



7b. Acts 16 describes how Paul and Silas wound up in prison, but that at night, the doors had sprung open because of an earthquake. The following passage from verses 27–34 names four things that happened in the life of the jailer this night. Which four does this passage mention?

The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

(answer) The other team must name all four points:

1. He wanted to kill himself.
2. He heard the gospel.
3. He converted himself under remorse.
4. He and all of his family let themselves be baptized that night.

8b. Can a mentally handicapped be baptized? Please explain.

(answer) Yes, anyone who believes and confesses that King Jesus is the Son of God the Father can be baptized, except when one is under a certain influence. In that case, this person must be (temporarily) denied baptism.

(comment) By "being under a certain influence", it is meant that one is under the influence of: manipulation, narcotics, western puberty, intense emotion, temporary insanity, possession, and other causes that cause one's behavior or personality to be different or to still be subject to change. It is the task of the elder to determine this. For example, it may happen that a person who wants to be baptized is on one hand not yet ready to be baptized, but that he or she on the other hand should be baptized as soon as possible. The elder needs wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit for this.



9b. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

Baptism may not be seen separately from the other parts of spiritual childhood. The act of submersion under water was ordered by God the Father as a confirmation of our conversion. He has thought out an event for us that will make us never forget that we are converted and have chosen for Him. Just as conversion is a choice that you make on your own, the decision to be baptized also really has to be made by you yourself.

The team asking the question will demonstrate an illustration of these parts of spiritual childhood using pantomime. The other team will try and guess all three points.

(answer) The other team must name all three points:

1. A cup is taken from the mud.
2. This cup is washed clean.
3. This cup is being used (filled and passed on).



10b. A critically ill army general came to the prophet Elisa and asked to be healed. Elisa instructs the man to baptize himself seven time in the Jordan river. Because the water doesn't look clean enough, the general wants to return to home in disappointment. What could you best advise him to do?

(answer) Advise him to obey and just do it. The assignment isn't that difficult.

(comment) *In 2 Kings 5:13, his servants tell him: "If the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'"*

11b. It is important for you to be baptized for the full 100%. Sometimes people take that assignment lightly. For example, history shows us that the emperor Constantine did want for all of his army men to be baptized, but he also wanted them to still use their hand to kill with a sword. Name a way he could solve this problem.

(answer) The team asking the question decides whether the other team has come up with a good solution.

(comment) *The solution of the emperor Constantine was to go through the river with his entire army. Only the hand of each soldier, which was holding a sword, remained above the water's surface.*

12b. Followers of King Jesus do what He says. King Jesus let Himself be baptized and we let ourselves be baptized. He later gives us a final assignment. What does it say?

(answer) The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19–20a is: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

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Baptism card

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"But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be
baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Matt. 3:14

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