

# BAPTISM

## Baptism - 11/18/18

### OVERVIEW

If you've never experienced a Baptism Celebration at Blue Ridge—or if you've been to three dozen—you don't want to miss this service! Hear the stories of redemption and life change and join us as we celebrate the transforming impact of God's grace in the lives of others.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

### APPLICATION

1. Baptism services always have stories of life change. Which story (or which part of a story) did you identify with the most? Why?
2. 2 Corinthians 5:17 describes being in Christ as being a "new creation." What do you think this means? How does baptism symbolize this newness?
3. How are experiencing this "new way" in your life? In what ways are the "old ways" creeping back into your life?
4. We were reminded that people come to Christ, but they rarely come alone. Often, people come to faith by someone leading them. Is there a role you need to take in someone's life to share Christ with them...or....do you need to accept someone's influence? How can you be active in that equation—either leading or following someone to Christ?
5. HOMEWORK: Take time and write out your story of moving from the "old" to the "new." Here are three categories that can help you organize it:
  - a. Share about what your life was like before Christ.
  - b. Share the time you put your trust in Jesus and put your stake in the ground. If you have not had this experience yet, what is holding you back from doing so?
  - c. What is life like now? How is it different from your pre-Christ life?