



New Beginnings

Sermon Based Small Group Plan
January 15, 2017

Sermon Title:

“Baptized and Beloved”

Preaching: Rev. Charles Svendsen

Text: Isaiah 42:1-9 & Matthew 3:15-17

Open in Prayer: Lord Jesus, we come humbly to your word seeking to be more like you. Be our amazing teacher as we learn every day we have life in faith as we are obedient to your call. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Fellowship Question: Share about what you know about your baptism.

Take time to read the Scripture: in Matthew 3:15-17 and Isaiah 42:1-9 ~ read in ESV if you have it

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text: (choose as needed)

- Why is the Jordan River important to God's people?
- Why is John the Baptist important to Jesus's baptism?
- What happens when you are baptized into the Christian church?
- How did the ministry of Jesus change after he was baptized?
- Why do the trials of temptation come right after Jesus is baptized?
- Do you know people who have just come to faith to have a season of struggles?
- Describe the meaning of your baptism to the others in the group.
- Does it help you to reclaim your baptismal vows?

The Challenge: To see the power of baptism in the life of a believer.

Prayer Options: (choose as needed for your group)

- Pray for people to come to the Lord for their salvation.
- Pray for WPC and its mission efforts around the world.
- Pray for the church as we seek to live for the kingdom of God.

Mission Encouragement for the winter:

- Think about being a part of the next brand **New Alpha Course**. Starting on January 22nd at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Center. Go to www.alphausa.org for more info.
- Continue to give our food donations to Manna in a weekly basis – Many Thanks!

Leader notes:

- Thanks for all you do as a small group leader.
- See if there are new people who might want to be a part of your group.