



## Leon Evans – Baptism

### Welcome

Wasn't it an amazing Sunday with wonderful and powerful testimonies! And the funny video that Leon shared showing mishaps around christenings and baptisms was hilarious! Why not begin by sharing which parts of the video tickled you most or any other funny story you know about baptism?

### Testimony

Maybe ask if anyone wants to share their own story about deciding to be baptised, getting baptised and what happened in their life afterwards.

### Word

**Read Matthew 3:11-17** (John the Baptist is speaking at the start.)

Leon talked about baptism being the "bookends" to Jesus' adult ministry in the gospels. Take some time sharing your thoughts about the passage by asking:

What do you observe when you read the passage? (Maybe read it again.)

How does what you observe apply to your life today?

(You may like to break into small groups of three or four to do this so more people can share their ideas in the time available.)

### Prayer

Before moving on, take some time to pray about what you have discussed and shared, and how you can implement this in your life over the next weeks and months.

### Discuss

Leon gave three reasons for believing in Jesus:

what we see around us in the beauty of nature,

what we read in the bible and

who we know when we come into a relationship with Jesus.

Which of these three reasons was/is more important to you? Can you think of any other reasons why people should believe in Jesus?

### Read Matthew 28:18-20

### Discussion and Prayer

Break into pairs.

Leon talked about believing and being baptised. Do either of you believe in Jesus but have not yet been baptised? If so, discuss with each other whether you feel this could be your next step in discipleship following Jesus? Then pray together about this.

In your pair, think of at least two or three people each who don't yet know Jesus that you would like to see come to know him and then pray for them. Remember to keep on praying for them in the week ahead and in the months to come.