

Celebrating Baptisms in your Small Group

We're thrilled you're interested in baptizing someone in your Small Group! As Pastor Rick says, *"Baptism is the most significant right a person can have in their life."* Facilitating this special celebration is such a blessing and we want to help you make this wonderful experience a memorable moment! Here are next steps of preparation to baptize people in your Small Group:

BEFORE THE BAPTISM

- Verify that the person you are baptizing has trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- Complete and Submit the [Baptism Preparation Form](#)
- Visit the Connection Center after any Weekend Service to chat with a Pastor, observe a baptism, and pick up a baptism shirt
- Watch Pastor Rick's teaching on ["Questions People Have about Baptism"](#)
- Watch Pastor Rick's teaching on ["How to Baptize"](#)
- Verify the person you are baptizing understands the meaning of baptism
- Share what you'll be doing and what they should do when getting immersed
- Inform them on what to bring to their baptism (modest swim attire, shirt, towel)
- Pick a date, time, and place for the baptism
- Encourage them to invite others to their baptism

DURING THE BAPTISM

- Instruct and position your photographer (anyone with a high-quality phone camera is fine)
- Bring everyone together and share about the meaning of baptism and about the person's decision who you are baptizing
- Have your photographer take a "before picture" of you and the person you are baptizing in the water
- Have your photographer take "during pictures" as you fully immerse the person as taught by Pastor Rick's "How to Baptize" video
- Have your photographer take "after pictures" as you celebrate them with a big smile and a hug or high five
- Have your photographer take a "group picture" with everyone in attendance together
- Pray over the person who just got baptized

AFTER THE BAPTISM

- Complete and Submit the [Baptism Celebration Form](#)
- Continue to pray for the person you have baptized as evil forces attack those who have made a public stance for Christ

If you have any questions:

Please contact your Small Groups Pastor or Community Leader. If you do not know who they are, email us at SmallGroups@saddleback.com and we will get you their info.