

## Past, Present, and Future - 2/3/19

## **OVERVIEW**

Over the years, God has established a community of believers at Blue Ridge who are passionate about helping each other follow Jesus. Lives have been transformed because of what He has done in and through the church, and this week we will pause to celebrate and process His goodness. We believe it is also time to prayerfully consider what we really dream for the future of the church, and what that looks like for Blue Ridge. We will hear from Pastor Woody and Pastor Jeremy together, as they talk through the past, the present, and the future of Blue Ridge.

Scripture: Luke 5:31-32, Acts 2:41-47, Matthew 28:18-20, Hebrews 10:24-25

## **APPLICATION**

- 1. In your opinion, is there a difference between being "a Christian" and being "a disciple?" If so, what are the differences?
- 2. PAST: Woody and Jeremy helped us reflect on Blue Ridge's past and God's faithfulness. What are the spiritual benefits of reflecting on our pasts and what we have learned?
- 3. PRESENT: Woody consistently points to the description of the church in Acts 2:41-47 as a standard for how the church should operate. Looking at that passage, what is one or two things you could do to help live out this kind of church?
- 4. FUTURE: Jeremy shared Matthew 28:18-20 (the Great Commission) as an example for what he hopes Blue Ridge will continue to be and do. When you consider this passage of scripture and others, what do you hope for BR or yourself?
- 5. As we looked at Blue Ridge's past, present and future... what stood out to you the most in this time of reflection?

HOMEWORK: Continue to reflect on your personal past, present and future. Ask God to show you the changes you need to make so that your hope for the future can become a reality.