



Sermon Outline

Key verses

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

God is doing a new thing

1. Leave the past in the past

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

Isaiah 43:18

2. The best is yet to come

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 14:2-3

3. Walk by faith, not by sight

For we live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

A NEW THING

SEPTEMBER 15
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

God wants us to leave our baggage behind and follow him into a new season. He is at work to bring redemption to the world. Don't allow your baggage to keep you from what he has for you. Satan will often use things in our past to keep us in bondage, but Christ sets us free!

Ice breakers

- If you had this week over again, what would you do differently?
- What is a new product that you recently tried. What is your review?

Dig Deeper

- Why do you think the Lord reminded his people about parting the Red Sea if he wanted them to "forget the former things?"
- How does that past action of God help you to trust him more as you go into the future?
- How is dwelling in the past different from drawing on the past to face the future with confidence?
- What happens when someone dwells on the past?
- Read Numbers 11:1-6. The Israelites were longing to go back to Egypt. Have you ever been guilty of wanting to go back to the way things were?
- Don't miss the entire reason why God provides water in the desert. Verse 21: "that they may proclaim my praise." Why is it so tempting to grumble and complain? How can we cultivate more gratitude in our lives?
- What are some things you want to praise God for today?

Closing

"When God forgives and restores his people, he wants them to forget the failures of the past, witness for him in the present, and claim his promises for the future." – Warren Wiersbe