

Community Bible Church Sermon Discussion Questions: Jan 14, 2024 Pastor Danny Singuefield

<u>Title</u> Something New

<u>Text</u> – "Do not remember the past events; pay no attention to things of old. Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:18-19 CSB)

<u>Introduction</u> –After much <u>Suffering</u> and four centuries of <u>Silence</u> – God did something <u>New</u>.

Question #1: Reflecting on Isaiah 43:18-19, in what ways might God be doing something new in your own life right now? Share a time when you felt God made a way for you in a wilderness or desert moment.

<u>Note</u>: In II Corinthians 5:17, we see the *full scope* of the *glory* of the Gospel - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Question #2: Considering the transformative power of the gospel as discussed in 2 Corinthians 5:17, how has your life changed since becoming a new creation in Christ? Can you identify old things that have passed away and new things that have emerged?

- I. The <u>Inclusive</u> Nature of the Gospel.
- II. The Relational Nature of the Gospel.

Question #3: In what ways have your relationships with other believers played a role in deepening your understanding of the Gospel and impacted your spiritual growth? Think of a time when having community directly led to growth, understanding, or a deeper commitment to the Lord.

- III. The Transformational Nature of the Gospel.
- IV. The Supernatural Nature of the Gospel.

<u>Takeaway Question</u> – Who Do I <u>Know</u> that is <u>Near</u> to me, but <u>Far</u> from God?

Question #4: Thinking about the theme of reconciliation found in 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, who in your life may need to experience the reconciliation that comes from Christ? How can you participate as an ambassador for Christ to help bring about that reconciliation?