

Moving Forward: Vision Sunday

Series: Overwhelmed

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Scripture

Isaiah 43:18-19

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

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

Engage

What type of long-range plans do you have? What do you see in your life 20 years from now?

Discuss

1. Read the passage for today. What part of this verse intrigues you most?
2. How can we keep a healthy perspective of our past? What places us in danger of letting our past dictate our future? What part of looking back is healthy?
3. God is uniquely qualified to command us what to do and how to live our lives. Why is this easy to forget? What causes us to go out on our own so often?
4. A second facet of living for God is evaluating where we are now. Do you have any ways of evaluating your life spiritually? What about your relationships and other areas? How can we have a healthy perspective of where we are now?
5. Are we sometimes afraid of new things in our lives? What makes us afraid? If fear characterizes us in the face of change, how can we have faith to move forward when God wants to do a new thing in our lives?
6. How fresh are the God-stories in your life? Has God done great things since your salvation? Do you believe He wants to be doing things in and through your life? If God is not working in people's lives, why do you think that is? How can we adjust our lives so that we see God work in us?
7. God is always looking to do a new thing among His people. Are we open to new things in our lives?
8. The purpose of God doing a new work is His glory. How can God be glorified through new work in our lives?

Challenge

In prayer this week, sincerely seek God's face regarding your life and your future. Find out if God desires to do a new thing in your life.