

God is Doing a New Thing

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Text: *Isaiah 43:14-21, NLT*

Take Lessons from the Past

- _____ on the past.
- Don't _____ or _____ the past.
- _____ the past so we can _____ in the present.

Don't Retreat into the Past

- God is not _____ in the past.
- God is _____.
- Serving a present tense God should _____ us forward.

Join God's Present Exodus

- We should grieve with _____.
- Release the past into good soil for present and future _____.

Life Enrichment

What did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling about today's teaching? Why?

- What are the most important lessons you have learned from past experiences? How do those lessons affect your life now?
- Why do you think God mentions the past in Isaiah 43:14-17 only to command that the Israelites "Forget all that"?
- How can the church look back without obsessing over the past? How does the past help us in the present? How might it hinder?
- Why do you think it is important for us to trust that God is not stuck in the past?
- When God says that the past "...is nothing compared to what I am about to do," how does that help us build hope?
- What are the "seeds" of the past that the church needs to plant into good soil for present fruitfulness? What are the "seeds" you need to plant for present fruitfulness?