

# SOME THING BETTER



## SOMETHING NEW SOMETHING BETTER // WEEK THREE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*KEY SCRIPTURES.* Choose a person to read the following scriptures.

**Read Isaiah 43:16-20**

*START THINKING.* Ask this question to get your LifeGroup thinking.

- Think back to some of the big transitional moments of your life.

Which was the most exciting? Which was the hardest?

- How would you rate yourself on a continuum if "1" is "I like things to stay exactly the same" and "10" is "I like my life to be in a constant state of flux"?
- What 5 words would you use to describe yourself? Would you have used different words 10 years ago (and if so, which ones)?

*START TALKING.* Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup talking.

**Read Isaiah 43:16-20**

- The people of God are on the verge of a new reality (according to Isaiah (see vs. 19)).

Review verses 1-15 of Isaiah 43 and list all the reasons you see there for the people to have confidence in what God is about to do.

- What event is Isaiah calling to mind in verses 16-17 (see Exodus 14)?

Why do you think he mentions this event at this point?

- What is the prophet's instruction to us in vs. 18? How do you reconcile this with a verse like Luke 22:19? (Consider Jeremiah 23:7-8)
- What is God about to do for His people (vs. 19-20)? Is this coming blessing material (see Ex. 15:22-27), spiritual, or both (see Isaiah 44:1-5)?
- What is the purpose for God's blessing activity (according to Isaiah in verse 21)? How does God granting His blessing accomplish that purpose?
- God's desire to bless seems clear. So why do His people miss out on that blessing according to the prophet (vs. 22-24)? What is God's remedy for this problem (vs. 25)?

***START SHARING.*** Ask this question to get your LifeGroup sharing.

- Can you recall a time in your life when you sensed God doing something new? How did you see God work in that moment? What did you learn about Him?
- Have you yourself (or someone you know) gone through a time when there was a need for "holy uncertainty" (Ex. 14:10-14) (i.e., a trust that there is a certainty in God's answer for the situation)? Explain.
- Is God doing something new in your life right now? What is it?

***START PRAYING.***

*Close in prayer asking God to do something new in your life and in Mission City Church.*

