

Key Scripture

Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV - "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Acts 13:1-3 - Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called "the black man"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul. ²One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." ³So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- How often do you find yourself stuck in the past instead of embracing the future? Why do you think that is?
- Why is diversity (ethnic, gender, and generational) such a benefit to a local gathering of believers?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What does it mean to be set apart to God? What does that look like in 2022 CA life?
- What distractions may be keeping you from being filled with the Holy Spirit? How can we eliminate or at least minimize those distractions?
- How/why does worship activate our faith and spiritual gifts?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you ever experienced spiritual breakthrough during a time of worship or fasting? What happened?
- Pastor Lane shared a quote from Pastor Mark Batterson, "Most Christians are educated way beyond the level of their obedience already! We don't need to know more; we need to do more." Is that true of you? If so, how can spiritual disciplines help you with that?
- How can we make a heart of worship part of our daily life?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank you for giving us the gift of Your Holy Spirit to empower us for the work to which you have called us. Help us to empty ourselves so you can fill us up and set us apart for your glory. Amen

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Create a worship playlist in your favorite music app and be intentional to worship every day.
- Research the different kinds of fasts taught in the Bible and try one this week.
- Make Bible reading and prayer a daily discipline. The YouVersion Bible app is a great place to start if you don't have a reading plan already.