## A New Thing

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Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.

## Read Isaiah 43:18-19

- 1. Why does God often work in places and contexts we don't expect?
- 2. What wilderness experiences have you had in your life? How did God come to you in these times?
- 3. Why is it that God often meets us in wildernesses/deserts/wastelands in particular? What do these environments do to us to allow this to happen?
- 4. How might God be bringing a new thing into your life at the moment? How might he be doing this in our church and in our communities?
- 5. Why do new things like this always take a while to spring up and appear?
- 6. When have you seen seeds you planted long ago come to sprout and grow?
- 7. "Do you not perceive it?" Why do we sometimes not see what God is doing? Why are we often slow to see?
- 8. How is God opening your eyes to what he is doing today?
- 9. What does it mean to "forget the former things"? Why do we need to do this? Why does God do this?
- 10.Read Isaiah 43:25. What do you think of this verse? How does it make you feel?
- 11. What do you need to let go of? Why? How?

## Prayer points:

- Pray for the people and places affected by the coronavirus.
- Pray for eyes to see the new things that God is doing in your life and in your community.