

NOW, NEXT, NEW...

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Read Together Isaiah 43:18-19

WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO DO THAT IS NEW?

He's calling the church to a:

1) **NEW PERSPECTIVE: A New Mindset**

There are two ways of looking at the word New. New can be **new of the same kind**. Or new of a different kind! God says, I am doing a **new thing of a different kind!**

Churches in the West have emptied. They never prepared for future generations, only catered to their age group. God sees ahead, He is trying to show us the future

NOW GENERATION re adults with the loudest voice today. Earn and give most, most influential. **Aged >40. They are Gen X'ers** (40-54 y) or **Baby Boomers** (> 55y) **“THE FUTURE IS WITH THE NOW, BUT IT DOES NOT LIES WITH THE NOW!”**

NEXT GENERATION are MILLENNIALS (25-39 yrs), the Gen with the growing voice... creative, resourceful, energetic, intelligent, progressive, articulate! But they can go higher only if the NOW give them space and shoulders to stand on now.

NEW GENERATION are **Gen Z (Zees) <24yrs.** Tech-savvy, multi taskers, independent, private, up front...They don't yet have a voice yet but they soon will have when the next gen raises them!

CGQ:

Share one thing you appreciate about the two generations that are different from yours. What did this AGD do for you? What did you thank God for on AGD? What did you enjoy most on that day?

What Second New thing is God Doing? He is giving us a...

2) NEW PASSION

Passion to sow into the next generation. A passion that comes from God! **Passion is a feeling you feel when you feel a feeling you have never felt before! E.g. falling in love. We think about, and have a love for, someone else**

Each gen often thinks only of itself.., its needs, its views and preferences. But **NEW PASSION** God gives us a new passion for a younger gen other than our own... then together we know God is doing a **NEW THING!** It is a passion about feeling His love for the future generations!

CGQ:

For **NOW/ NEXT GEN:** If people younger than you were to lead the church, would you still be open to hear God through them, to learn from them, to follow Christ as they lead? Why or why not? What do you think God is saying to us as a church about the future? And our prejudices?

Finally, today we must have

3) NEW PRIORITIES....

God says: "See, I am doing a new thing; **now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?** "do you not perceive it?" Open your eyes, u will see what priorities God is giving us:

The priority to change>

Our future church MUST include **next** and **new** generations. This Sunday's **Launch Service** will show you how we are seeking to creatively change for the future! **Make sure you turn up!! Don't miss it!**

The priority to create>

God has uniquely embedded us in a 5 star hotel 24/7, raised 100% unpaid bi-vocational pastors, grown us as a marketplace church with no sacred secular divide. We've been doing radical things for years!

Now we own a gaming property to convert into a house of worship that will impact marketplace, creative arts, tourism... We will be **One CHURCH, TWO Centres to reach all of this city for Jesus!**

God is so big, so creative that you never see Him doing things the same old way. Jesus healed the blind... always differently!

CGQs:

Share together and dream together. How could we use the 3.6 acres of land with 350 car parks, 4 storey building with 68,000 square feet of space creatively? What part should each one of us play to make the dream a reality?