



December 19th Discussion Guide

Comfort My People: Isaiah 43:19

This is a 4-week study of inspiring words of comfort and hope of a coming Savior. Based on the book of Isaiah, this series is a continuation of the Nehemiah/Ezra journey we took through "Fresh Start." Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

What is your favorite holiday movie?

Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Isaiah 43:19 and 9:6-7 written to Israel while in captivity in Babylon.
 - a. Discuss a “new thing” Isaiah could have been prophesying about in the near and distant future.
 - b. What encouragement would this have brought the Israelites?
2. Read Revelation 21:1-7.
 - a. What new thing do we have to look forward to?
 - b. What encouragement does this bring you?
3. Look up and discuss these verses. How do these scriptures impact how you can live a new life today?
 - a. 2 Corinthians 5:17_____
 - b. Ezekiel 11:19_____
 - c. Romans 8:1-2_____
4. Share with your group a place of captivity you are currently in and how Jesus is calling you out during this advent season.
5. What new thing is God wanting to do in your life this next year?

Application question: This holiday season, how will you share God’s plan to do a new thing through Jesus? Who do you know that needs to hear that message of hope?

LORD, You are coming soon! You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty you will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Reveal to us the new things that you are doing now in our lives. Help us to continue to shine Your light so others may also see the mighty works of Your hand.

