

TALK IT OVER

Awakening to a New Thing

BOTTOM LINE

God: "I am doing a new thing."

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's a new idea, habit, book, hobby – any new thing – you're planning for 2025?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [A Brief History of the Jesus Movement](#) (9 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

"If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me]." Matthew 16:24 AMP

"These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." Acts 17:6 NKJV

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

"10X is a call to move beyond simple belief in Jesus to embrace His invitation to come and follow." – Dwight Mason

"Awakenings begin in periods of cultural distortion and grave personal stress, when we lose faith in the legitimacy of our norms, the viability of our institutions, and the authority of our leaders in church and state."
– William G. McLoughlin

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Discuss William McLoughlin's assessment of when awakenings begin. How do you see these signs today? What do you remember from the stories of awakenings throughout American history that speaks to you? Do you agree we are ripe for another awakening? Why or why not? Through Isaiah God invites His people to prepare for and experience a new season of blessing and transformation. The first step is to release the hold of the past. Do you have a harder time letting go of the bad past or the good? Is there anything keeping you from embracing the future right now? Discuss. Next is embracing God's new work as an opportunity to trust God in new ways. How do you recognize God's new opportunities? How do you defeat the fear that it is NOT God moving but something else? Then, trust that God will provide faithfully in your new challenge. When you don't see how God will do it, what can you do to strengthen your heart? Finally, God tells us to make bold preparations for what He will do, to make room in your life for the new. Making room usually requires growing bigger and getting rid of some of the things that once served well but are not good now. What does that mean for you now? How can you deepen your foundation?

ACTION STEP

God is doing something big. I will prepare for my part, making room and strengthening my foundation by _____