

Behold

DISCUSSION GUIDE | Week of February 15, 2026

GETTING STARTED

- This week, Gabby started by sharing an illustration of surfing in Pacifica. Rather than striving and working to ride the waves, a good surfer knows how to read the waves and position themselves to catch the good waves. She compared this to how we can position ourselves to be attentive to the new thing God is doing.
 - Where do you feel most aligned and positioned in your awareness of God's activity in your life right now?
 - Where does it feel like work or striving? Is there something you're trying to control?
- What stood out to you most in this week's sermon?
- Describe a season when your faith felt positioned to be aware of God's presence and activity in and around you, and a time when you felt like you wanted to control God and make things go according to your plan. What was different about how you experienced God in each?

DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE

Read **Isaiah 43:1–21** aloud together.

Sit in 30 seconds of silence before beginning the discussion.

- In verses 1–3, God lovingly reminds His people of their identity and presence.
 - Why do you think God is so intentional about speaking identity to those in exile?
 - Why do you think he reminds them of his presence and provision in trials?
 - Is there a place in your life where you need to be reminded of who you are in Christ, and the truth that God is with you in the waves and the fires of life?

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DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE CONT.

- Read verses 14-21 together.
 - Where are places in your life that you can point back to and remember the faithfulness of God?
 - How does that inform your view of the future and the new things God continues to do in your life?

HONEST REFLECTION

- Gabby described two different layers of the “new thing” that God is doing. The first layer was “the new thing is the old thing,” and being faithful to what Christ has already revealed. Revisit Matthew 5:3-13, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, as referenced in the sermon.
- Now think through the wave illustration again.
 - How does living faithfully to the ways of God position you to perceive the new thing?
 - Is there anything in your life that needs to be adjusted to be aligned with the ways and instructions of Jesus? What sticks out to you when you are reflecting?

PRAYER & PRACTICE FOCUS

This week’s invitation was to Behold God and position ourselves to discern the new thing.

- Over the next week, commit to 5–10 minutes a day of silence and stillness before God.
- As you sit, reflect on these questions:
 - How can I be faithful to God today?
 - What is the new thing God is doing in me and around me?
- Pray slowly together:
 - “God, teach me to live in Your ways.”
- End by thanking God that He is always **with** us, reminding us of who we are.