

SERMON GUIDE:

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Change is inevitable.

Today, our commission to make disciples has not changed, and the Word of God has not changed, but our culture has changed, and it demands that we rethink how we accomplish our commission.

The Church is the world's hope and is tasked with impacting this generation.

Isaiah 43:18-19 NIV

"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 desert and streams in the wasteland."

To fully embrace this new season, three things are required:

1. Let go of the old.

Methods that were the answer and a blessing in one generation can become a curse in the next.

2. Avoid turning monuments into idols.

Monument = something we erect, literally or mentally, to remind us of a great time when God used something or someone for a great purpose.

Idol = something we worship and give attention to that becomes more important than God himself.

Some churches miss out on the new season God has for them because they spend all their time fighting over outdated methods.

3. Join the game and take your position.

God has placed you in this church for a reason. You are uniquely gifted, and this church needs you to do your part for the church to be complete.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

- Is change a good or bad thing for the church? What are the benefits and detriments of change?
- What does Isaiah 43:18-19 say about change? What are the takeaways from this scripture?
- What is the difference between a monument and an idol? How can a monument become an idol in your life?
- Can the church be complete if you do not "step into the game" and use your God given gifts? Why or why not?