

**Focus**

Isaiah 43:16-21 [Page 1127]

**Prayer Concerns:**

1. Forgetting the former things. [16-18]

Forget the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

Stop living in a state of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Expecting God to do a new thing. [19]

1. Don't expect God to \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.

2. Don't expect God to make a way \_\_\_\_\_ the wasteland.

3. Do expect God to do \_\_\_\_\_ than you could  
\_\_\_\_\_. [Eph. 3:20]

3. Declaring God's praise. [20-21]

*Reset your devotion to God by...*

1. Praising Him for \_\_\_\_\_ [43:14-15]

2. Honoring Him with \_\_\_\_\_

3. Thanking Him for \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

### Getting Started:

1. Does God ever feel like a dusty memory to you? At those times, what helps you get in touch with Him?

### Digging Deeper:

#### Read Isaiah 43:16-21.

1. Verses 16 and 17 recall the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt, that is to say, the exodus. Why did God want Isaiah's readers to remember this miraculous event? Why is it important for us to remember the mighty works of God in the past?
2. After reminding the Israelites of the exodus, God immediately tells them to "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." [v. 18] What kind of forgetting is God talking about?
3. Dan suggested the Lord was telling the Israelites to stop living in a state of spiritual nostalgia. The Israelites had gotten to the point where they were living on past blessings. They ceased looking to what God could do in the present. How can we keep our faith in God fresh?

4. Reread verse 19. When has God done a "new thing" in your life?

5. God doesn't promise a way *around* the wilderness or a bridge over streams and rivers. What does He promise? What can we expect Him to provide when we experience problems and trials?

6. Read 43:14-15 and 20-21. What reasons do we have for praising God?

### Taking it Home:

1. Does your spiritual life need to be "reset"? Commit yourself afresh to the Lord in prayer.