

Summer Playlist

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"Preparing For What's Next" - Mike Ashcraft

Small Group Material

June 3rd, 2018

Participant Guide

Bottom Line: *The disruption of our rhythms can serve as a great season of preparation.*

Study Verses: *Isaiah 43:18-22, Luke 5:36-39, Matthew 7:7-8*

Key Points

- *Everything always changes.*
- *New things require new ways.*
- *In order to embrace the new, you have to let go of the old.*
- *Change breeds fear.*
- *The more anxious we feel about change, the more we fear the future. The more we fear the future, the harder we hold onto the past.*
- *We don't tolerate disruptions to our comfort and routine.*
- *We aren't asking to see what we're already looking for. We're asking Him to help us see something new.*
- *We end up holding onto things of the past without even realizing it.*
- *Our desire for the predictable past soon outweighs our hope for the potential of the future.*
- *God brings life to dead places.*

ENCOUNTER

- **What happens to your spiritual life and pursuit of God during the summer months? Do you find it easier or harder to work on your walk with Christ when you encounter the summer disruption?**
- **Why does change breed fear? How do you tend to respond to disruptions to your comfort and routine?**
- **How does fear of the future influence what we do with our past?**

FORMATION

- **Read Isaiah 43:18-22. Why were the people unable to see the new things God was doing in their midst? What is required in order to embrace the new?**
- **Read Luke 5:36-39. Why are the new and old incompatible with each other? How are sin management and personal improvement old and ineffective ways of transforming the human heart?**
- **Read Matthew 7:7-8. What promises does this passage contain for those who relentlessly pursue God?**

EXPRESSION

- **What aspect of your heart, character, and faith have you procrastinated in addressing?**
- **What things of the past are you unwilling to let go of and release? Why do you cling to them? What would it look like for God bring life to this dead place?**
- **How can you utilize the summer disruption to prepare your heart for the fall?**