

Thirst
Small Group Training
Session 2

What does it look like to lead a small group?

- Pray that you and your group will have open hearts to God and to each other.
- Practice authenticity---be you because no one else can.
- Always stay in the Word of God.
- Listen---We have two ears and one mouth so listen twice as much as you talk.
- Pray for those who are in your group throughout the week.
- Meet at least twice a month.
- If you are leading the group then either meet in a public space or at someone else's home.
- If you do meet in a home then other people are to bring the snacks. We call this cookie principle. People feel some responsibility.
- If you do the other home, and the cookie principle you will have at least 6 people there.

What should your group study?

- We will help with choosing a study.
- We will provide multiple options.
- Some different ways to lead a study.
 - There is the Bible study teacher.
 - There is the facilitator that chooses a study on a DVD and uses the study guide that goes along with the study.
 - There is the continued study of what was preached the week before. A study guide is provided for you each week for the passage that was preached on.

Isaiah 43:16-21 (NIV2011)

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: ¹⁸ “Forget the former things; do not dwell

on the past. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, ²¹ the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

In verses 16-17, God is talking about the way He delivered Israel.

- Why is it important to keep track of God's past acts in your life?
- When you see God's past acts on your behalf, how would that affect your faith?

In verse 18 God is saying to forget the former things and don't dwell on them.

- Surely God is not saying forget what the Lord has done because God brought up what He did in the Exodus. Israel is in captivity because of their failure to listen to and follow God.
- So how do you forget your past failures with God and others?

In verses 19-21 God is laying out what He is about to do for His people.

- Would you like to share what new thing God might be doing in your life?
- God is going to provide water for His people. What has God provided for you in the past?