

“Being in Christ, it is safe to forget the past; it is possible to be sure of the future; it is possible to be diligent in the present.” - Alexander MacLaren, 18th century Scottish Baptist minister

Discussion Questions Set #1

1. Do you connect with the less than settled, less than comfortable, less than fully satisfied in your faith, holy disturbance discussed in sermon? Did you ascribe this to a coming transition or to something else?
2. Why might it be helpful for us to ascribe this properly?
3. What kinds of things do you think God is “up to” in our world in 2023?
4. What “new things” might God be doing in and around us?

Discussion Questions Set #2

In sermon, we discussed two passages – Joshua 3:1-5 and Acts 1:3-9 - as examples of where we might stand as a people in 2023, noting the following pattern:

- **There is the presence of a divinely initiated time of waiting or a period of practiced patience.**
- **There is a call to anticipate “great things”.**
- **There is direction to follow the advancing presence of God.**

1. Do you agree that these passages describe our position in 2023? Why or why not?
2. Have you sensed other passages that might offer insight into our position in 2023?
3. Do you agree with the conclusion that “we are drawing to the close of a time of waiting with anticipation that God is about to do great things – wondrous things – in and through us”? Why or why not?
4. What great things do you anticipate in 2023?

Discussion Questions Set #3

Two focusses for 2023 were put before us which read:

- **To more significantly become disciples who make disciples, who make disciples - a people who are dynamically discipling others and being disciplined ourselves in 2023.**
- **To become a distinctly rooted community in Christ that bears witness corporately to Jesus in such a way that those outside of this community are enveloped into it throughout 2023.**

1. What do you like/dislike about these two focusses? What excites you about these focusses?
2. What practical steps might you take as a H2H group to accomplish these focusses?
3. If you were to create an outcome that would communicate success in moving towards one of these focuses, what would it be?
4. What would it practically look like if we as a H2H group:
 - a. Aimed to “consecrate ourselves”?
 - b. Aimed to with “one accord, devote ourselves to prayer”?
5. What might it require of you to:
 - a. Be disciplined?
 - b. Be a discipler?
 - c. Bear witness to Jesus in community?