

The Present Future

Ezra 3:10–13; Isaiah 43:18–19; Haggai 2:3–9

BIG IDEA

Faith honors God's past while embracing the future He is building.

OPENING

Share a time when something new felt like a loss and a gain at the same time.

DIGGING IN

- Read Ezra 3:10–13. Some wept while others shouted for joy at the same event, the laying of the new temple's foundation. Why do you think both reactions were present, and both were valid?
- Read Isaiah 43:18–19. God says, "Forget the former things... See, I am doing a new thing." How do we hold onto gratitude for the past while staying open to what's new?
- Read Haggai 2:3–9. God promises the glory of the new house will be greater than the former. What does this reveal about how God views His ongoing work compared to the past?
- As PCC looks toward its future, what emotions come up for you, nostalgia, excitement, uncertainty, hope?
- What would it look like for you personally to hold PCC's history with gratitude while stepping confidently into whatever God is building next?

LIVING IT OUT

Write down one hope you have for the next chapter of PCC's story and share it with the group as a closing note for this series.

MEMORY VERSE

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" — Isaiah 43:19

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for 75 years of faithfulness at PCC and ask Him to unite your group in confident hope for what He's building next.