

# the Venues

Go Deep

A Whole New World

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*What was the last 'new' thing you bought? Car, game, phone, computer? What emotion did you feel?*

*Have you ever thought, "I need a change... something new... something different."*

If so, you'd have a lot to talk about with the biblical authors. One big narrative of the bible is the idea that God is doing something new. Oppression, destruction, and economic hardship won't have the last word.

***New Creation:*** Read Isaiah 65:16-20

*What would be different about the world if you could help make it new?*

Jesus came to make things new. He said the new thing he's doing can't be contained by the old religious ways of Judaism.

***New Religion:*** Read Luke 5:33-39

*What is Jesus saying about new vs. old?*

***New Law:*** Read John 13:34

*What is the new "thing?" Would your life look different if you always did this new thing?*

***New Life:*** Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

*In what ways are you wanting a new life? In what ways could your life change? What if a change, a new life, a new thing could be waiting under the surface?*

*Jesus tells us how in John. Read John 3:1-21*

*What does it mean to you to be born anew or born from above?*

*Read Revelation 1:1-5*

*The Greek word for 'new' here is 'Kainos' = new in quality, new and improved, better than before!*

*How will you partner with God in making the world better than before? Your work, your home, your friends, your community, better than before?*

*What steps can you take each day to live out Jesus' new law of love?*