

# Perceiving God's New Thing

## Isaiah 48

November 6, 2022

Sermon Sketch: God has prophesied things in the past and has made them come to be. He is now declaring a new thing to His people and we must seek to be attuned to His will in this present day...

- 1) How has the word picture of God as potter and you as clay impacted your past week? (Romans 9 – God is the Potter...)
- 2) Which literary or cinematic mystery solver was a favorite of yours?
- 3) In the opening verses of 48 God takes His people to task for maintaining the outward appearance of devotion but having hearts that ran towards other gods. Have you ever had a time in your walk where outwardly you looked fine, but inwardly your heart was hard?
- 4) Verse 3 and 5 reference God's ability to make come to pass the things He has promised to do. How does this reality bring comfort and assurance to your heart?
- 5) Isaiah 48:6, 42:9 and 43:19 all inform us that God is going to do a "new thing". How important must this be for God to state it three times in close proximity? Have these statements caused you to seek God in a greater way?
- 6) As application, Pastor Jon shared 13 verses regarding the need for us to seek God (Deuteronomy 4:29, 1 Chronicles 16:11, 2

Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 14:2, Psalm 63:1, Psalm 105:4, Psalm 119:2, Psalm 119:10, Proverbs 8:17, Jeremiah 29:13, Lamentations 3:25, Zephaniah 2:3, Matthew 7:7-8). Knowing that this is not even an exhaustive list, how critical is it for us to be very intentional to pursue the Savior with passion?

- 7) Of the suggestions offered for how we might seek God (The Word – Acts 17:11, Prayer – Daniel 9:20-21, Meditation – Psalm 1:2, Fasting – Acts 14:23, Counsel – Proverbs 11:14, and Take time – Psalm 46:10) which are you most comfortable with? Which is an area you can seek to grow in?
- 8) What are other ways in which we can seek God?
- 9) How does communion help you to be aware of the hidden things of God?