



Discussion Guide for “All Things New”

From A to Z Week 5

We often struggle to see where God is at work, especially in times of personal or cultural hardship. How can we learn to see God all around us, continuing to create new goodness? How can we learn to live in faith that God's not finished with us?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Isaiah 44:24-45:13; Mark 4:35-41

click here to [read all scriptures](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Isaiah 44:24-45:13](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you struggle with the problem of Evil?
2. Revisit the situation for God's people after the Exile. How would you have felt in their place?
3. Review Isaiah 44-45. Why are God's claims concerning Cyrus amazing?
4. Return to Mark 4. If you were in the boat, how would you have been feeling? What would you have been doing?
5. What did Jesus' response demonstrate? Why was that so confounding for his followers?
6. How is God calling you to respond in faith this week?