

Community Group Discussion Questions

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church ♦ January 29 – February 4, 2023

#launchwell sermon series ♦ Isaiah 43:16-19 “What Your Pastor Really Needs”

1. Pastor Rick made the comment in his sermon, “*Personal choices determine corporate character*”. Thinking in terms of a school, a business, a club, a church, etc....how have you seen this truth play-out positively and negatively?
2. When facing the changes that a transition brings, why is it important to remember what only God can do? And conversely, why is it also important to remember what only I can do?
3. The sermon encouraged us to see how it’s important to let go of what was and embrace what will be. How are these two choices linked? Which one is harder for you?
4. If God enjoys bringing new things into our lives, why do you think we tend to let go of the past and embrace those new things?
5. Have someone in the group read Philippians 3:12-14. How do you think these verses apply personally to a follower of Jesus, and how to they apply to a local church?
6. Pastor Rick was specific about 4 areas for each of us to let go as Brandon begins his ministry: let go of unrealistic expectations, unfair comparisons, personal preferences, and tightly-held offenses. Which one(s) of these will be the hardest to do, and why?