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New Thing
John 1:1-14

When was the last time a new thing rocked your world?

What new thing do you desire God to do in your life?

Gospel of John

- John –
- Written ~90-100AD
- Different than other gospels --
- Audience --

Doing things differently:

I. Use _____ Things to do New Things

John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

1. Jewish idea of Word:

2. Greek idea of Word:

II. Use _____ Things to do New Things

John 1:6-11 *There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. 9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.*

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III. Use _____ Things to do New Things

John 1:12-14 *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What "old thing" in your life are you inclined to throw away, deny, or try to re-live? How might God want to leverage it to do a new thing?
2. What ordinary resources, people, and tools are in your life right now? How might God be calling you to be a "Spiritual MacGyver" with what's in front of you?
3. Do you choose to do hard things or stick to what's comfortable and easy? What "hard thing" have you been avoiding that is causing you to miss seeing God do something new?
4. What new thing does God want to do in your life this year? How will you do things differently in 2017 so God can begin that new thing?

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