



## SDG Discussion Guide

### Something New

January 2, 2022

#### To begin:

New Year's resolutions, got any this year? Why or why not?

#### Before you proceed:

Pray and ask God to enlighten you to show you where he has been at work and present in your past week through events, places, and people. Ask Him to enliven and guide your group now in your reading and discussion.

1. Read aloud **Philippians 3:7-14**. If there's time, reread it from a different Bible translation. What stands out to you in the text? What impressions, curiosities, and questions arise now?
2. What does "confidence in the flesh" mean: Good looks? Positive reputation? Education?
3. According to Paul, what is the secret to success?
4. Paul desired to know Christ better? How is your desire now for the same?
5. Where do you go to get away from it all? How does God meet you there?
6. When was the last time you received a bountiful blessing? On a level of 1 (low) to 10 (high), what is the excitement level in your spiritual life right now?
7. Do you need to walk away from something in your past keeping you from becoming new in Christ? Is God calling you or your group to Something New?

As it flows from the discussion, spend plenty of time in prayer at the outset of this new year.

\*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996) and *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998).