

January 21, 2024  
Sermon Outline Theme for the Year:

*Behold, I am doing a new thing...*

## Behold, WE are doing New Things

### 2024 A Year of Revival & Growth

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert ... to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”*

Isaiah 43: 19 – 21

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#### **Missionary Church - Mission-minded People**

**Introduction:** “Give us grace, O Lord to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works...”

#### **I Jonah, the reluctant messenger. Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

God works through Jonah despite his reluctance, disobedience and crabbiness.

God is not limited by our failures, shortcomings and sin.

God wants something for us more than something from us.

#### **II. Simon, Andrew, James and John, enthusiastic messengers. Mark 1: 14-20**

“Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

“Fisher of men and women”. Use the knowledge, skills, instincts and energy you have learned in your life and apply it to bringing people to God’s kingdom of love.

#### **III. Where are we now?**

Post-Christian society. Culture no longer doing our work for us.

Sunday morning sports/ activities is one symptom. Culture is no longer reinforcing Gospel message.

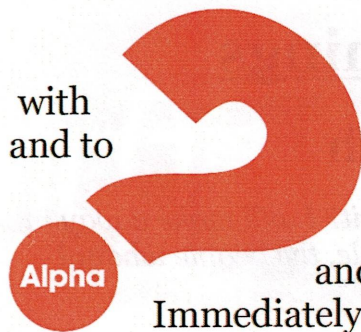
#### **IV. What does Jesus call us to be?**

Fishers of men and women. Bringing Jesus to people and people to Jesus.

How? “Make a friend... Be a friend... Bring a friend to Christ.”

# The ALPHA Course is coming to our Church.

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**ALPHA is a seeker-friendly** exploration of the Christian faith with plenty of room for questions. We encourage everyone to attend and invite a friend to come with you.

**ALPHA talks will be in place of the sermon** at our Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 AM services during Lent and Easter seasons.

Immediately after the service, there will be an opportunity to share in discussion with your friends and church members.

**Here is the ALPHA schedule.** We invite and encourage everyone to attend the classes and discussion time after the service. You will get the most out of it if you make it a priority to come to all of the classes. If you need to miss a class, you can view the talk on our website during the following week.

Sunday, February 18	“Who Is Jesus ?”
Sunday, February 25	“Why Did Jesus Die ?”
Sunday, March 3	“How Can I Have Faith ?”
Sunday, March 10	“How and Why Should I Pray ?”
Sunday, March 17	“Why and How Should I read the Bible ?”
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday – No ALPHA
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday – No ALPHA
Sunday, April 7	“How Does God Guide Us ?”
Sunday, April 14	“How Can I Resist Evil ?”
Sunday, April 21	“How and Why To Tell Others ?”
Sunday, April 28	“What Should I Do With the Rest of My Life ?”
Sunday, May 5	“Who Is the Holy Spirit ?”
Sunday, May 12	“What Does the Holy Spirit Do ?”
Sunday, May 19	“How Can I Be Filled and Empowered By The Holy Spirit ?”