

VIRTUAL CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

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CONNECT

Hans talked about our memories of the "good old days." What comes to your mind? Share those stories with your group. Be nostalgic for a moment!

GROW

- Sometimes our nostalgia for the ways things were in the past have us label the past as "good" and the present or future as "evil." Why do you think that happens?
- In the story of the Exodus, the people desperately wanted to go back. And in one of Jesus' miracles in Mark, we see how God does something completely unexpected and new. Read those here:
Links: [Numbers 14:2-4](#) [Mark 2:1-12](#)
- Hans suggests that like the people in Moses' time, we want to go back to the "good old days," but then we wonder, were they really that good - for everyone? Could there be parts of our pasts that are actually harmful to some people?
- What *new thing* is God doing in **your life**? What *next normal* is God opening up and drawing you to?
- What *new thing* is God drawing **our world and country** to? What *next normal* is God drawing our world and country to?
- How are **you going to be a part** of the next thing God is doing in your life and in our country?

PRAY

God, through the resurrection of your son, Jesus, we are reminded that the best is yet to come. You are a God of hope, and a God whose promise leads us into the future. Amen.