



Doing Church  
**Differently**

## OCEAN CHURCH

Part 2:  
Faith, Mission, and  
Finding God in Unexpected Places

You can watch Part Two Video on our [YouTube Channel Here](#)

### OPENING PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to new ways of experiencing and sharing Your presence. Help us see You in the world around us, and give us the courage to step into new opportunities for faith and mission. Amen.

### GOING DEEPER:

#### Recognising God's Presence in Everyday Life

Psalm 139:7-10: *"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."*

- What does this passage say about God's presence in all places?
- Have you ever had a moment where you felt particularly close to God in nature?
- How can we be more intentional about recognising God in our daily surroundings?

#### The Call to Mission: Meeting People Where They Are: John 4:7-10, 25-26

- Why do you think Jesus chose to meet and speak with the woman at the well rather than in a synagogue?
- How does Jesus' approach in this story relate to the idea of Ocean Church—meeting people where they already are?
- What places in your community could be opportunities for sharing faith outside of traditional church settings?

#### Overcoming the Challenges of Doing Church Differently: 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

- John in the video shares about the struggles of pioneering a new form of church. How does this passage encourage those who face challenges in ministry?
- What are some fears or difficulties that may come with doing church differently?
- How can we support and encourage those who are stepping out into new expressions of faith?

#### The Role of Community in Sustainable Ministry: Acts 2:42-47

- How does the early church model reflect the kind of community John is trying to build with Ocean Church?
- Why is having a strong, committed group of believers important in sustaining a new ministry?
- How can we better support and commit to our own faith communities?

#### Embracing New Opportunities for Faith and Discipleship: Isaiah 43:19

- What does this verse tell us about God's ability to do new things in unexpected ways?
- What new opportunities do we see in our communities for sharing faith in creative ways?
- How can we personally step into the "new things" God might be calling us toward?

## APPLICATION: PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

- Experience God in Nature: Spend time this week outdoors (a walk, a beach visit, a park) and reflect on where you see God's presence in creation.
- Identify a New Mission Field: Think of a place where people naturally gather (cafés, sports fields, community centres). How could faith be shared in that setting?
- Encourage a Pioneer: If you know someone trying to do church differently, reach out with encouragement, prayer, or practical support.

## FIVE KEY QUESTIONS FOR THE CHURCH

How can we meet people where they already are?

- Instead of expecting people to come to a church building, where are natural gathering places in our community where we could engage with people?
- How can we integrate faith into everyday spaces like parks, beaches, cafés, or sports fields?

How can we help people recognise and articulate their spiritual experiences?

- People already feel something spiritual in nature but may not have the language for it—how can we help people connect their experiences with the Christian faith?
- What opportunities do we have to create conversations about faith in everyday life?

What challenges do we face in stepping out of traditional church models, and how can we overcome them?

- The video highlights struggles such as loneliness, sustainability, and pressure to conform to traditional expectations—how do these apply to our context?
- How can we support and encourage leaders who are pioneering new expressions of church?

How can we build sustainable, long-term faith communities outside of traditional church structures?

- How do we ensure that new forms of church remain stable, with committed people and leadership, rather than relying on one individual?
- What steps can we take to create small groups, discipleship rhythms, and deeper relationships in these settings?

What creative opportunities do we have to reimagine church?

- The video mentions ideas like outdoor adventures, water sports ministries, and beach schools—what unique opportunities exist in our own communities?
- How can we use people's existing passions and interests as a bridge to faith and discipleship?

## CLOSING PRAYER

"Lord, thank You for meeting us wherever we are. Help us to see new opportunities for ministry, to embrace the challenges of stepping out in faith, and to be a part of the new things You are doing in the world. Amen."

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