

FINDING OURSELVES IN GOD'S STORY

When God will be All in All

1. What role does your vision of God's future reign play in your everyday life and faith? Why is this?
2. In times of suffering, Christians tend to dwell more on the hope of God's future reign. Can we see this in our own lives? What experiences have caused us to set our minds on God's future reign, and how has this affected us?
3. When we think about God's future reign, what aspects most fill our thoughts and imagination? What impact does this have on us?
4. How has our vision and understanding of heaven and God's future reign changed, grown, or focused over the years? What experiences or scripture has caused this?
5. In his message, Scott talked about common perceptions of heaven or God's future reign that are far from biblical or Christian. I.e. "the place where we'll be able to eat all the ice cream we want, with no ill effects." Does this matter? How does our vision of the future impact our understanding of life and God today?
6. What difference does it make to know that God will renew the world, rather than replace it? (see Matthew 19:28, Revelation 21) What parts of our lives need to be renewed in and by Jesus? What renewing grace are we most hungry for?
7. Read together Isaiah 65:17f or Revelation 21 - 22 and share together what parts of this vision that feel most pressing today? Let this lead us into prayer...

Praying Together

Pray together for a vision of God's future reign - future grace - to capture our minds, imaginations and vision. Pray together for the parts of our lives that need to be bowed to Jesus, and for those around us that need to know the joy and life that comes from bowing to Jesus. Invite one another to share any needs or concerns, and pray together for one another.

