

Living as if death were behind us

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Scriptures

Genesis 1:28 & 3:5

Isaiah 65: 17 – 28

Revelation 21: 1-4 & 22: 1-5

Questions for discussion

1. What do you see as God's primary purpose for Adam? How does the temptation in 3:5 explain Adam's failure? What does this say about us?
2. "Jesus died for us not simply so we could be forgiven and go to heaven but so that by defeating the power of idolatry and sin he would give life to a new people able to fulfil the vocation given to Adam and Abraham and take God's glory into the whole world". How does this affect our view of our lives and purpose as Christians?
3. How is the resurrection of Jesus a declaration and celebration of his victory over sin and death- and ours too? Think of examination day and results day. When was success achieved?
4. Our eternal future is not in heaven, but in a new heaven and new earth. This is described in Isaiah 65 and Rev. 21 - 14 and 22: 1 – 5. How does this help us to see God's purpose for our lives and for the whole of creation?