



Sermon Discussion Questions

Eternal Worship // Colossians 1:15-23

- Expectations for “The way things ought to be” seem to be higher around Christmas. Why do you think that is? How have your holiday experiences either lived up to expectations or crashed spectacularly?
- What are some of your persistent longings, desires, or hopes that have yet to be fulfilled? Do you think we can find lasting contentment and fulfillment in this life? Why or why not?
- The apostle Paul talks about God reconciling us to himself, Christ bringing redemption, and God reconciling all things through Christ. How does the Bible picture that reconciliation (or restoration)? What does it include? What things will be changed, added, or removed in a reconciled creation? What do you long for most about eternity with Christ?
- Neil Plantinga pictured one aspect of sin as the “diversion of construction materials for the city of God to side projects of our own.” What does that look like in our world? In your life? What does God do to bring us to our senses?
- As citizens of heaven, we live out now what we will be one day. How does the promise of God’s eternal reconciliation of all things shape your longings, goals, and plans? How could you use the “construction materials for the city of God” (your gifts, interests, relationships, resources) to reflect here and now what will be our eternal reality?
- This Christmas, make sure to take time to recognize, celebrate, and give thanks for God’s gift of his Son and the reconciliation that Jesus brings. Merry Christmas!

