



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Colossians – Our Hopeful Future

GETTING STARTED

What currently occupies your worries, concerns and anxieties about the future? Why?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

From Colossians 3:1-4 Dave asserted that your future is hopeful for three reasons...

[READ the passage again and in different versions...]

1. In Christ, we have a new line of sight.

Paul, says since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven.

What is Paul inferring about us in that you have been raised to new life in Christ?

How can setting our sights, raising our eyes above change how we see the here and now?

How can we begin to stare at the things that don't matter, instead of setting our sights on things above?

Who is sitting in our line of sight? What does this mean for us? What does it mean that Jesus drops anchor

and is at the right hand of the Father?

2. In Christ, you can think about what is beyond

What have you always imagined heaven to be? How has that changed or is changing for you?

How do you respond to the quote from John Piper that says, "Could you be satisfied with heaven if Christ

was not there? What is the implication?

3. In Christ, you have a new identity

Why do you think in our current culture people are struggling to find an identity? What could you imagine

the apostle Paul saying to them?

What does Paul mean when he says, "you died to this life"?

What needs to die in me?

How does our culture define "the good life, or real life"? In what way are these definitions hollow?

What does Paul mean when he says "your real life is hidden with Christ"?

In what way does my sight, and thoughts need re-alignment?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in this passage?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading this passage?

How can we pray for each other?