

Autumn School 2016
Worldly Saints – Week 2

Intro:

1. It's all Good

INCARNATION

RESURRECTION

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the goodness of creation an essential foundation for the gospel?
2. Does Jesus still possess his human soul and body? why might this matter?

3. How does the Christian belief in the resurrection of the body differ from the Platonic belief in the immortality of the soul? Why is this difference important?

2. You are already home

NOT JUST PASSING THROUGH

- New Heavens and New Earth

THE KINGDOM COMES

Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of samples from songs, books or sermons that present too low a view of creation?
2. How might the location of our home (heaven or earth) change how we live?
3. How often do you pray for the Kingdom to come? Why don't we long for it more?

3. Rightly dividing the word

THING VERSUS ACTION

-1 John 2:15

-1 Peter 2:11

-Colossians 3:1-2

-Philippians 3:20

-2 Cor 4:18

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the distinction between things and action help you to better understand the bible? What remaining questions do you have?
2. How does the distinction between thing and action help you to integrate your human and Christian life? What remaining questions do you have?
3. How does the distinction between thing and action raise the bar for our Christian lives? How might it imply that God expects more from us rather than less?

4. Where do you enjoy God's world?

THE DANGER OF FRIVOLITY

THE DANGER OF IDOLATRY

"There are two ways to ruin our relationship with the Giver of all things"

1. *To ignore him and focus entirely on his gifts*
2. *to ignore the gift and focus entirely on the giver*

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important for Christians to enjoy their earthly lives? What do we lose when we forget to be human?
2. What do we risk when we make too much of creation? What do we risk when we make too little of creation?
3. Which tendency is a greater temptation for you?