

**Discussion Questions**  
**“All Things New”: You Can Go Home**  
**Revelation 21:1-8**

(Do you ever feel like life is just about going round and round in circles and not really going anywhere?  
What is getting old in this world or in this life for you and why?)

“God ‘subjected creation to futility,’ writes Paul. God subjected creation to entropy, to use scientific lingo. The second law of thermodynamics stipulates that the state of a closed system will always move toward chaos.” —Peter Hiatt

- Why do you think God subjected creation to futility?  
Read Romans 8:20 Does Scripture give an answer to the above question? If so, what is it?

“Maybe sin is trying to take the good in every moment, such that you can’t experience the Good in any moment; it’s trying to take the good, like fruit from a tree.”—Peter Hiatt

- Think about it a little, what do you think? Do you think “sin is trying to take the good in every moment?” Does trying to seize control in the moment hinder you from experience God?
- Can you think of any ways in which you try to hang on to moments in this life, ways in which you try to seize control of the moments in your life? If so, list a few & confess them to your Heavenly Father.

God seems to have allowed our lives to function in such a way that we are never quite able to be completely satisfied, we take a drink; we have a brief sense of satisfaction and then—sometimes just moments later—we are thirsty once again.

- Why do you think God has created the way we experience life in this world, and us, in such a way that we will almost always have longings, we will always “thirst”?
- Think of something you deeply long for, maybe *the* thing that you most long for, why do you think God has allowed you to have that longing?

In this sermon, Peter mentioned that Physicists say that for light, everything is now—an eternal now. It seems that God exists in the now.

- Do you think striving to live in the now, in the moment at hand, rather than hanging on to the past of worrying about the future might enable you to better experience God’s presence? Explain.

We all long for home, for rest, and for the palpable presence of God. If we look closely at Scripture, we see that as the Jews journeyed to the Promised Land God journeyed with them. In the Revelation, John hears a voice that says, “The tabernacle of God is with people.”

- In your own life, How have you experienced God journeying with you?
- It appears that the home, the rest, and the presence of God are already with us, and yet we often don’t experience it, why do you think this is?
- Read Hebrews 4. What can we learn about entering into God’s rest and why we don’t always experience it?
- Take a few moments to be honest about what you thirst for; express your longings to the Lord and give them to Him.
- Now, reflect on this: “‘The one who thirsts *is* the one who overcomes...’ that means faith is a thirst. On the tree, the Son of God said, “I thirst;” He thirsts for communion with you. Do you thirst for communion with him? He is the manifest presence of ‘I Am.’” —Peter Hiatt

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