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Focus Questions

What is our place and time?

- Creational features
- Cultural values and products
- Societal structures
- Stories
- Names
- People
- Traditions
- Symbols
- Idolatries
- Challenges and opportunities

Focus Questions

Who is God and what is God's word for our place and time?

- Christ, Father, Spirit
- Scriptures
- Invitation
- Encouragement
- Rebuke

Focus Questions

Who will we be and what will we do in our place and time?

- Community life
- Church meetings
- Mission commitments
- Ministry initiatives
- Partnerships

The Seven Churches of Revelation



The church as a “creative minority” community

Throughout history God has replenished cultures, through the witness of minorities of believers who hold true to their beliefs while blessing the surrounding culture. It is to this position we must return. However, to live with gospel resilience as a creative minority, we must come to grips with the essential nature of our post-Christian age.

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To become a creative minority ... is not easy, because it involves maintaining strong links with the outside world while staying true to your faith, seeking not merely to keep the sacred flame burning but also to transform the larger society of which you are part.

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