

Study Questions for “Going to Get Wonder-fully Messed Up: Core Values in a Post-Christian World”

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1. Jim Zerfing says, “I found myself being called to reject many things within our institutional church and in expressions of civil religion founded on Christianity across the developed world.” Do you agree with Zerfing? In what ways would you say your congregation practices civil religion, that is, in what ways does the church exist to support government or society in general, and in what ways does it exist purely to serve God?

2. When the church became an institution in the fourth century and began to have state-sanctioned organization, a clear set of beliefs, property and buildings, how did the church change from its origins in the first century? In your opinion, should we try to get back to the style of the first century church?

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In 630.956417(a)3.15789-0.956417(u)-0.956478208(w)0.6219151(d)22B5J2534440 fd [()-0.479431(c)3. absolutes and of objective and rational attempts to define reality.” Do you think the loss of confidence in rational principles is a good thing or a bad thing? What will it mean for