



ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 3 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- How would you spend your days if you had unlimited time and resources?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Ecclesiastes 3:1-22)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- How would you characterize in a few words or one sentence the current season of life you are in? Relationally? Vocationally? Family wise? Spiritually?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

- Notice that Solomon highlights a variety of “seasons of life.” What season of life are you most looking forward to in your own life? What season of life might you be dreading?
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 - How would you encourage someone to intentionally cherish every moment they have been given? How do you personally live out the following statement? “You can’t get moments in time back so be fully present in every moment you are given.”
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- Which of the above list that Solomon describes is something that you can most relate to and why?
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Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

- Reread verse 11. Why does what Solomon says here about God placing eternity in everyone’s hearts have enormous implications for every single human being?
 - The fact that God has done this within every person lets us know that every single person in this world is going to be searching for something because they have been created in God’s image. They may not be looking for God per se, but there is going to be a longing within everyone for the eternal, for the Lord whether they choose to acknowledge it or not. This also lets us know that when we choose to fill that longing within us with something other than the Lord, we are going to be disappointed because nothing and no one has been designed to fill our hearts and souls like the Lord.
- Why is the fact that God has made everything beautiful in its time encouraging and refreshing?
 - God hasn’t given us life on this earth to endure. Rather, He has given us life on this earth to enjoy with Him and with those around us but for His honor and glory.

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22

- In what ways can you see Solomon struggling to make sense of the world around him and his life as a part of the world?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - In what ways do you struggle to make sense of the world around you and your life as a part of that world?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Ecclesiastes chapter 4)

ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 3 (STUDENT)

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