



Harbor Trinity Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: A Weary World: Meaning in a Weary World

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

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1. We recently completed our second period of 24-7 prayer for the Global Week of Prayer with 24-7 Prayer. Were you able to spend any time in our prayer room this week? If so, what was your experience? If not, is there anything we could do to help encourage or support an opportunity for you to do so?
2. Solomon observes that life is tough, but it is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 1:13). How does that compare with the way you tend to see life?
3. Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 sets up the “experiment” that Solomon is going to perform with life under the sun.
4. In the English Standard Version (ESV; the standard bible at Harbor Trinity), Ecclesiastes 2 is divided into three sections: The Vanity of Self-Indulgence (2:1-11), The Vanity of Living Wisely (2:12-17), and the Vanity of Toil (2:18-26). What is the cumulative list that Solomon puts to the test? Is there anything that he missed or that you would add?
5. What is your definition of *pleasure*? If you were to test pleasure, as you defined it, in the same way that Solomon did (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11), how would you test it? How would this differ from how non-Christians you know would define *pleasure* and how they would test it?
6. What are some signs that one of the pleasures that Solomon listed has become a top priority in someone’s life? This lies at the heart of Summer Series 26 when we described worship as, “how we respond to what we love most.” Are there any signs for you?
7. Solomon’s one request to God when he became king was for wisdom (1 Kings 3). Why did his wisdom give him satisfaction later in his life (Ecclesiastes 2:12-17)?
8. How do you view work? (As a blessing from God? A way to prove yourself? A burden? An endless ladder? An obsession?) How did Solomon view work (Ecclesiastes 2:4-6; 18-23)?
9. Can you relate to Solomon’s sentiment about work (what he describes as toil in Ecclesiastes 2:18-26)? Have you ever handed over “your life’s work” to someone else? How did you respond? What did they do with it?
10. How can following Jesus keep us from going in meaningless circles?
11. As a new season of Wednesdays at Harbor Trinity begins, is there a step you are planning to take this fall (Alpha, Rooted, Life in Rhythm, serving with Kids Club or Youth, volunteering on Sunday mornings, etc.)?