



Harbor Trinity Groups

Discussion Questions

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

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:9-4:3

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1. Ecclesiastes 3:9 attempts to tie a bow on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. King Solomon returns to a familiar question, “What gain has the worker from his toil?” Based on the “times” he listed, how would you respond?
2. King Solomon declares, “I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with” (Ecclesiastes 3:10). Do you believe we are busy with the same things (whether in actuality or in principle)?
3. What does Ecclesiastes 3:11 mean to you: “he has made everything beautiful in its time”? Do you believe this is true for all of the “times” that King Solomon listed in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8?
4. Ecclesiastes 3:11 continues, “he has put eternity into man’s heart.” In what ways are you conscious of eternity? How could you become more conscious of it?
5. Does the statement, “yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end” (Ecclesiastes 3:11b) help us understand why many of our temporal pursuits never satisfy? Why or why not?
6. How does an awareness of eternity affect the way we live our lives everyday?
7. Do you feel the same way King Solomon did about injustice in his day (Ecclesiastes 3:16-17)? Why or why not?
8. There are two specific areas that King Solomon addresses, “the place of justice” (legal system, courts, etc.) and “the place of righteousness” (sacrificial system, temple, priests, etc.). Would you describe these domains in the same way today, “even there was wickedness”?
9. Last week, Shane asked the question, “What if you knew that the world would end on Tuesday? What would change about your life?” How does King Solomon respond to death, dying, and purpose in Ecclesiastes 3:18-22? Do you share his sentiment?
10. As Ecclesiastes 4 begins, King Solomon shifts from injustice (Ecclesiastes 3:16-17) to oppression (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3). What is the difference between injustice and oppression? Why does he respond to both?
11. While King Solomon does not provide the specific acts of oppression in Ecclesiastes 4:1-3, he does share about the impact and response of the oppressed. What are some acts of oppression we see today? How should Christians respond?