



ECCLESIASTES

THE MEANINGLESS & MUNDANE OF LIFE

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Ecclesiastes 1:1–18

Topic(s): Pleasure, Meaning, Wisdom

Big Idea of the Message: Human effort is meaningless and futile without God.

Application Point: Don't ask human efforts to give you significance or worth; those are things only God can give.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Do you ever feel stuck in an endless cycle of monotony?
3. Where are you tempted to go, to find meaning?
4. What gifts are you tempted to worship instead of the Giver?
5. What "if only" are you tempted to believe in ("if only I had more money," "if only I had more fame," etc.)?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Ecclesiastes 2:1–26

Topic: Work, Wisdom, Meaning

Big Idea of the Message: Our work is meaningless without God.

Application Point: The focus of our work should not be on our own achievement or success but on glorifying God with our work.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Do you or someone you love struggle with workaholism?
3. How can we find the right meaning in our work?
4. What is your experience with the "American Dream"? Did the message challenge how you think of it in any way?
5. How is your work an example of God working through humans to redeem and work in the world?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Ecclesiastes 3:1–22

Topic: Eternity, Justice, Redemption

Big Idea of the Message: Our ultimate hope is for an eternity with a world made right.

Application Point: We can respond to injustice and despair in our world with the reality that our longings are for a purpose: to point us toward God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What are some examples of ways sin has destroyed or corrupted specific things in your world?
3. How have you experienced that God has "set eternity in the human heart"?
4. What examples of God's redemption (making everything beautiful) have you witnessed?
5. How do you respond to injustice? How should you do so?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Ecclesiastes 9:1–18

Topic: Death, Weakness, Wisdom

Big Idea of the Message: Both death and life are meaningless without God.

Application Point: Regardless of our circumstances, we can have hope that God is working for good.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What are some ways that you have experienced death making life meaningless or giving it meaning?
3. When have your expectations about how the world *should* work been upended?
4. How can we respond to the way the world values strength or power instead of wisdom or righteousness?
5. How has God worked in unexpected ways in your life?
6. How can I pray for you?



Week 5

Text: Ecclesiastes 12:1–14

Topic: Death, Salvation, Redemption

Big Idea of the Message: Everything is meaningless without Jesus.

Application Point: We can find our ultimate hope in Jesus's work on the cross.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does it look like for you to "remember" God in the circumstances of your life?
3. How has God been rest for you in the midst of the restlessness of life?
4. How had this book of the Bible "goaded" or convicted you?
5. How can we have hope in the reality that all evil deeds will come to light?
6. How can I pray for you?