

Small Group Questions

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; 9-12

Reflect

- In the sermon, we heard of a plan to “achieve immortality” by uploading a person’s consciousness into a computer and entertaining it forever in a virtual world.
 - Does this sound appealing to you? Why or why not?
 - Assuming that this is even possible, would this be true immortality? Why or why not?
- Pastor Pat suggested that there were many ways to read the poem in Eccl 3:1-8.
 - How have you thought about this familiar passage in the past?
- Pat said another way to consider this passage is by looking at the previous chapters. The Preacher, having pursued earthly wisdom, pleasure, and toil and finding them all meaningless, now suggests that the reader consider what the meaning of our time on earth is.
 - What do you think about this approach?
 - When you consider the time you will have on this earth, what do you hope you can accomplish within it?

Repent

- How have you tried to find meaning in this world, under the sun, apart from God?
- How have you spent your time on earth? Has it been in the pursuit of God and his commandments, or in pursuit of your own agenda?
- If someone were to look at your schedule from last week, what would that person say that you value?

Remember

- Do you remember a time in your life when it seemed like you had more time than you could use? A time when you didn’t have enough? What was the difference?
- Looking back on your life, can you see how God has put eternity in your heart? How would you describe this to someone?
- What are some of the implications, if the God who has put eternity in your heart is beyond your imagination, your comprehension, and even beyond time itself?
- Proverbs 1:7 says “The Fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.” What does that mean?

Discipleship

- What is the next step of faith God is calling you to take?
- How would it change your life if you took that step?
- What do you need in order to take that step?
- Who will walk beside you?

Title

Key Verse

Applicable Verses

Bold – Quoted Directly

Regular print – Referenced/Paraphrased

Introduction: On the Testimony of Two or Three Witnesses

Jn 8:13, 17-18

3 Jn 1-10

The Character of the Church

3 Jn 11-12

Deut 19:15-17

Mt 18:16

2 Cor 13:1

Rom 8:15-16

Ps 1:1, 32:9

Mt 6:5, 6:8, 23:2-7

2 Thess 3:6

Mt 4:19

Mt 28:18-20

2 Tim 2:2

Mk 9:5

Jn 1:49, 3:2

1 Thess 1:4-7

Mk 10:18

2 Cor 3:18

Come! – Imitate Good by Coming to Jesus and Following Him

Lk 19:5

Mt 11:28; 16:24

Lk 9:23

Jn 8:42-45

I will make you – Imitate Good by Being Transformed by Jesus

Ezek 36:26-27

Mt 23:25-28

Mk 10:27

Mt 7:21-23

Gal 2:20

2 Cor 5:17

Rom 12:2

Tit 3:5

Mt 7:15-20

Fishers of men – Imitate Good by Making Disciples as Jesus Did

Mt 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Ps 66:16

Lk 8:39; 7:17

1 Thess 1:8

Mk 14:20

Owning The Church's Special Character

Jn 1:12

Rom 8:17

1 Pet 1:3b-5

Ps 145:4