

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3

Ice Breaker

1. Are you someone who is quick to embrace change or who is reluctant? Why do you think you approach change that way?

Going Deeper

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.
2. Would you describe this section of scripture as prescriptive or descriptive? Why do you think that?
3. Why would it be essential to know if this section is prescriptive or descriptive?
4. In your own words, what do you think Solomon is saying in this poem?
5. Why do you think it is vital to have an understanding that everything has a time, and there is a season for every activity?
6. Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-20.
7. In verse 11, it says God has made everything beautiful in its time. How would you explain that to someone who does not see the world as a beautiful place, but rather a place of suffering and sorrow? (note that some translations translate the Hebrew word yapheh as appropriate or fair)
8. What does it mean that God has set eternity in our hearts?
9. Is there a difference between being happy and the pursuit of happiness? If so, what is it?
10. Why is eating, drinking and finding satisfaction in our work a gift from God? How does that relate to happiness?
11. This chapter of scripture speaks about change in such a way as to point to its inevitability. What insights about change do you gain from this chapter?
12. On Sunday, Rob juxtaposed the unknown and unpredictable nature of change with a God who is known and does not change. What difference might it make to you knowing that God does not change and is in control when it comes to the changes we experience and see?
13. What do you think this chapter says about what God is concerned about?