



Trying to Understand 2020

Background – When trying to understand 2020, we need to start with God, and not ourselves.

Key Verse: [Ecclesiastes 1:2](#)

Core Passage: [Ecclesiastes 1:2; 3:1-8; 12:8, 13-14](#)

- I. Setting of Ecclesiastes
- II. “Hevel” ([Ecclesiastes 1:2 & 12:8](#))
- III. Poem about Time ([Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#))
- IV. Fear God ([Ecclesiastes 12:13-14](#))
- V. Application
 - A. The Mystery of Life
 - B. Obedience or Understanding?
 - C. A Broken Crayon
- VI. **Family/Small Group Discussion**
 - 1) Pray – That God will reveal the things we are holding onto.
 - 2) What was one “highlight” from 2020? What was one “lowlight” from 2020?
 - 3) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
 - 4) Ecclesiastes has a very different style when compared to other books of the Bible. Do you like this style? Why do you think the author chose this style?
 - 5) The word “hevel” is translated so many ways in Ecclesiastes 1:2 & 12:8. What word/concept is used in your translation? Do you think it is a good choice?
 - 6) What are some of the things in your life that you are trying to control that you cannot? In other words, what are some things that you need to trust God with? What are some concrete steps you can take to give these to God?