

Ecclesiastes: The Quest for Meaning Application Questions

Part 4

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - 4:3

For Understanding

1. Based on yesterday's message, how would you define the providence of God? In your own words, explain how is Ecc. 3:2 - 8 is a poem about God's providence? Is this good news or bad news to "the preacher"? In what ways?
2. From the text, make a list of the some of the things that has "the preacher" puzzled about God's providence.

For Reflection

3. How does God's sovereign control over time and eternity bring meaning to life?
4. How do you struggle with the tension of knowing God is in control and yet seeing wickedness, oppression and death everywhere in our world?
5. What is one area in which you need to exercise faith and confidence in God's sovereign control for the upcoming week?
6. Pastor Matt talked about how we can often see life from the back of the tapestry and it appears to be nothing more than a jumble of thread that is tangled, frayed and knotted. How does the rest of scripture unfold the front side of God's tapestry of grace through Christ? Spend some time looking up and meditating on the following scriptures to encourage your faith.
Gal 4:4-5, Mark 1:14-15, Mt. 8:28-29, John 7:30, Mt. 26:27-28, Rom 5:6, Acts 1:6-11, II Peter 3:8-9