



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**January 19, 2020**

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-11**

**“Introduction to Ecclesiastes”**

## **QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

- 1) ICEBREAKER: Solomon points out that nothing really changes by talking about the flow of rivers. Tony related this cyclical monotony to doing the dishes. What job or activity do you dread having to do over and over?
- 2) Verses 4-8 refer to the monotony of a life in a fallen world and I’m sure that many of us can relate to these verses. In the midst of feeling this type of monotony, what actions often help you to put your focus on Christ? (Books, certain people, Bible verses, prayers, hobbies).
- 3) Tony mentioned three false options to our toil and the seeming “vanity” of life, escapism, nihilism, or hedonism. Escapism – Just try to avoid the frustrations of life. Nihilism – Believe that life has no objective meaning or value. Hedonism – Since there is no point, just live it up.
  - a. Which of these three are you most tempted to fall back on, if you are not focusing on Christ?
  - b. Which of these three do you most often see in unbelievers around you?
- 4) Tony said the main themes of Ecclesiastes are “Fear God in everything; and enjoy God in the little things.”
  - a. What area of your life are you not “fearing God” in? What would it look like to submit that area of your life to Him?
  - b. In which mundane activities are you failing to enjoy God? How would your perspective of these activities change if you were to enjoy God fully in them?
- 5) One of Tony’s points was that “Christ’s work will be remembered”. What practical steps can we take to remind each other of Christ’s work in our daily lives?
- 6) Did anything else stand out to you in this passage or sermon?