

God's Beautiful Wise Church (Wisdom Literature)
Week's Reading: Ecclesiastes 2:24-3:22
Discussion Guide: February 6, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet
forfeit their soul?
- Mark 8:36

Was there anything you put into practice from last week's message/discussion?

OPEN:

- Has Ecclesiastes been a book of the Bible that you have encountered regularly?
 - o Now that we have read three chapters of Ecclesiastes, how do you feel about it?

READ and ASK: Ecclesiastes 2:24-3:22

- How does 2:24-26 contrast with last week's text? (life under the sun or son?)
 - o What does God have to do with satisfaction in work?
- In the list given in 3:1-8, was the teacher describing what is, or prescribing what one should do? Why do you think so?
- What is the burden God has laid on man? When did God lay this burden? Why?
- What does it mean that God has set eternity in the hearts of men?
- What do you think the teacher is encouraging in verses 3:12-13?
- What truths about God are shared in this passage?
- To what day does 3:17 seem to look?
 - o How does such a perspective challenge us to live day to day?
- How are humans like and unlike animals?
 - o How does comparing people to animals relate to verse 3:16-17?
 - o What does this passage teach concerning the destination of humans?
 - From what perspective does that challenge us to live in?

APPLY:

- How do you see your work as a gift from God?
- Of the "seasons" listed in verses 1-8, what season are you in? What is God teaching you in this season?
- NEXT STEP: What specific way does this passage challenge you to view life differently?

Memory Work:

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

- Ecclesiastes 3:11

Next Week's Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:9