Studies from Ecclesiastes on life and living

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Today's Study:
A time for everything (or not) under the sun.

Life under the Sun

Prayerfully nurturing and sending discipled believers to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

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going deeper (for family or small group study)…

- Try to summarize this passage in one sentence.
- What parts of your life is God concerned with?
- Explain the phrase "He has put eternity in their hearts" v 11 (you may want to compare various translations).
- Why would God set eternity in our hearts? For what purpose? What do you think He wants it to cause us to do or be?
- Is v 16 surprising to you? Why or why not?
- How should we respond to injustices we see knowing that God may not deal with it until the end of time? (Ps 73:13-19) Look for biblical references to direct your response.
- How is man the same as animals? (v 19) How is man different?
- What do you struggle to understand about God's sovereignty in your own life?
- How much time do you spend trying to figure out God's plan and purposes? How does that help you? What are the biggest questions about God's plan and purpose that you would like to ask of Him?
- How should we respond to the works of God that we cannot comprehend? (2 Cor 5:7, Heb 11:1-2)
- Recognizing the sovereignty of God does not mean we can not or should not take action to make life better. How can we balance personal acceptance of God's sovereignty and plan, our personal limitations in shaping life, and the opportunity and responsibility we have to make a difference in our lives and for others?