Studies from Ecclesiastes on life and living

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Today's Study:
Looking for Answers

Life under the Sun

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Notes cont'd...

going deeper (for family or small group study)...

- What lesson do you learn when you compare Eccl 1:3 with Matt 16:26?
- Do you think that the preacher is right that everything is meaning-less (v 2)? Why or why not?
- What is an area in your life that has recently seemed meaningless or futile? In what ways do people in our society live with a sense of despair and hopelessness? How can we minister to them and provide hope?
- Is work an exercise in futility for you (v 3)? If work is an exercise in futility for so many people, why do people allow work to consume them? What do you think a healthy work mindset looks like?
- How permanent is anything we are able to do in this world (vs 4, 11)? Is this encouraging or discouraging? Why?
- Solomon says that "generations come and generations go" (v 4). Is there anything your generation can then do to make a difference that is long lasting? Look at what our world is investing its attention in and evaluate the impact on future generations.
- Solomon suggests says there is nothing new under the sun (v 9). Do you agree or disagree? Talk about what seems to be new in this age. How could v 9 be true about such things?
- Humanity can discover and change many things, but what are they unable to do according to Eccl 1:9 & 10?
- Solomon's picture of the world in Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 can seem very discouraging, yet there is something realistic about it. How can God use that picture of life for good in our lives?