

Ecclesiastes
Gail Arterburn –2025

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed – 01/20/25

Lesson 3
Eccl 3:1-22

1. Read Eccl. 3:1-8. How would you explain v. 1? What does it mean that *there is a time....and a season for everything and every activity*? Are the times of our lives just random events with no meaning or purpose?
2. These fourteen statements about the time to do things, imply there is a right time and a wrong time for each action. Wisdom is found in knowing the right time to do the right thing. Which of these did you find encouraging? Challenging? Comforting? Why?
3. Read Eccl. 3:9-14. In v. 9, Solomon is still questioning if there is any gain from work, but he has now expanded his view to include God and eternity. How would you explain the three observations made in v. 11? How does that fit with Romans 8:28?
4. In answering his own question “Is life worth it?”, what has he come to “know” in vv. 12-14? What is God’s purpose in all that He does? (v. 14)
5. Read Eccl. 3:15. What role should history play in our lives? What do you think it means that God will call the past to account? (Several different interpretations possible.)
6. Read Eccl. 3:16-17. What about the problem of injustice? Will God ignore it? How does that possibly fit with v. 15?
7. Read Eccl. 3:18-21, 12:7. How are men like animals? What do we have in common? How do we differ? (12:7)
8. Read Eccl. 3:22. In light of our mortality, how does Solomon conclude we should live now?