

Week 1: Life as Enigma

Date: September 12th, 2021

Passage: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Small Group Discussion questions help us dig deeper, connecting Sunday's sermons with our everyday lives. These questions have been designed to help Small Groups grow in their relationship with God, with one another, and with their neighbors. Please know that these questions are meant to be a resource to you. You do not have to follow them verbatim or get through them all. Use these questions in the way that best serves your Small Group.

1. **Read** Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
2. What stood out to you from the sermon and this passage? What challenged you? Encouraged you?
3. If you have time, watch *theBibleProject's* YouTube video *The Book of Ecclesiastes* - [LINK](#)
4. Have you read the book of Ecclesiastes? What are your impressions of it as a book?
5. "The Preacher" in Ecclesiastes forces us to ask the hard questions and makes us consider things we would rather not. What are some things that prevent the average person from asking the deep questions about life? Why is it often so hard to get people to think about God, eternity, life and death?
6. What are two things you would like to change in your life, and two things you would like to stay the same?
7. **Read** Psalm 39:4-5 - Discuss.
8. The Preacher describes life "under the sun" as "vanity" or a "vapor." What do you think he means by this?
9. Does life *feel* repetitive to you? When you look at the world, and history and the news, does it seem like there really is "nothing new under the sun?"

Pray: Thank God for saving you and taking you out of the sinful cycle of life. Ask God to forgive you when you have turned to other things to find meaning. Ask God to help you raise the tough questions about life with other people in your life. Thank God for the good things He has given you.