

## **ECCLESIASTES 3:1-22    The Search for Eternity**

Does anything ‘New’ ever happen on earth?                      Discuss

### **READ ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8**

1. The poem (v 2-8) gives a picture of life, what things can we conclude about life by looking at the poem?

2. According to the Teacher, do we “make life happen” or does “life happen to us”? Why?

### **READ ECCLESIASTES 3:9-15**

3. We crave ultimate meaning in life but God has hidden it from those who seek it without Him. What evidence of this can you find in these verses?

4. How does the truth about God in verse 14a contrast with the truth about humanity repeated so many times in the book so far?

5. There are things we can’t work out about life for ourselves. Why would God hide the big picture from us?

6. a> To what extent should we find meaning and satisfaction in the normal events or times in our lives according to verse 12-13?

b> Why is it important to enjoy your work? What does that mean practically for you?

### **READ ECCLESIASTES 3:16-17**

7. In these verses, there are 2 kinds of judgment. Verse 16 speaks of the judgment or justice that is given to us by the events of life under the sun. However v 17 speaks of God’s final Judgement. Some people are surprised by the news that God will judge people. From these verses, How could you show them the problems if He didn’t?

### **READ ECCLESIASTES 3:18-22**

8. If our lives are just, living “life under the sun” (ie in a way that does not consider God) why are human beings just like the “beasts”?

### **Jesus & Our Times**

#### **READ JOHN 6:25-40**

9. What work has lasting value and why?

10. How will ‘working for what endures to eternal life’ cause you stand out as different to others in the world? Why

11. What changes will you make in order to be more godly in the light of God’s word in this study?

Pray that we would have wise and godly priorities as we live lives focused on Jesus and eternity.