



Life Group Study Questions Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:18

1. Read Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:18 together. As you think about this weekend's sermon, what stood out to you? What questions come to mind based on the passage? Was there anything unclear or confusing?
2. Think about the naturalistic worldview: "The idea that the material world is all there is and there is no afterlife." What conclusions does that worldview lead to? Where can you see this thinking in our own culture today?
3. Pastor Andrew's first application was: "This life 'under the sun' is not all there is." Read 1 Corinthians 15:16-25 together. How does the reality of eternity help in the hard seasons of life?
4. Pastor Andrew's second application was: "Your life is not just random chance." How does God's providence help in the hard seasons of life? Read Isaiah 46:8-11 and discuss.
5. Pastor Andrew's third application was: "Everyone has a mixed experience of life." Have you ever bought into the prosperity gospel lie? (The idea that following Jesus means an easy life of health and wealth). Why is that theology so damaging? Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 and discuss Paul's own life as an example.
6. Pastor Andrew's fourth application was: "God will judge the wicked." Is it hard to wait for God's perfect justice? Have you ever taken revenge into your own hands? Read Romans 12:17-21 and discuss.
7. Pastor Andrew's fifth application was: "The life, death and resurrection of Jesus changed everything." How does the gospel make life meaningful? What are ways you can remind yourself of the gospel every day?