

Home Group Discussion Guide

The Pain of Limitations – Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

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The following questions are designed as a **guide** to help lead discussion by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group, and take space to welcome any new people in your group.

GETTING STARTED

1. Where have you encountered limitations in your life?
(Where your efforts are not able to fix/ change the situation)
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

1. What do you know about the book of Ecclesiastes?
 - a. Ecclesiastes is described as a volatile text when used incorrectly; why?

(Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-11)
2. How do these words of Ecclesiastes relate to your world and experience?
 - a. In what ways do they not relate?
3. In what ways have you seen the truth that there is a greater need than we have capacity to provide in the world around you?
4. What truths do we learn from the pain of limitations?
5. Gavin shared a rabbinic practice of 2 stones, one reminding that we are dust and ashes, and the other that the world was created for our sake. How do these truths relate to the words of Ecclesiastes?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. Is there a limitation that you need to choose to sit with the tension, knowing that it cannot be fully resolved? What will that tension look like?
2. Do you need to be reminded of one of the 2 stones in your current circumstances? Which one and why?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

