

Home Group Discussion Guide

The Weariness Of Wisdom – Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

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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. How do you react when things in life are unable to be resolved in a satisfying way?
 - a. Do you have a coping mechanism to help you deal with it?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18, Deuteronomy 29:29

1. Can you identify what some areas in life where we must hold the tensions between lamenting and hope? What does this look like?

(Read Ecclesiastes 1:12-18)
2. What was Qoholeth trying to say with the proverb in verse 15?
 - a. How do you see this proverb playing out in the world around us?
3. In verse 18 the author of Ecclesiastes shares another truth with us; that the more knowledge we encounter the more grief and sorrow. How you see this truth in your life, or in the world around you?
4. How do people respond when wisdom increases, so does grief and sorrow?
 - a. (Melinda shared about Despair and distraction and also overwhelm and cynicism)
5. How does embracing the emotions of lament (being honest and expressing our emotions) help us to deal with this tension?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What does this tension of seeking wisdom, while also understanding we cannot know everything look like for you?
 - a. Which of the 2 stones of *Seeking Wisdom* or *Embracing Mystery* do you need currently?
2. Is there a part of your life where you need to embrace the emotions of lament before God?
 - a. What might this look like this week?

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.

