



### **Eccl. 3:1-22 Set Your Eyes on Eternity: Notes**

In Eccl. 1, the teacher tried to find significance in his **Intellectualism**. In Eccl. 2, he is trying to find it in **hedonism and materialism**. John sums up all sins in *the Lust of the eyes, the Lust of the flesh and the pride of life*. It's the same old cycle. In Eccl. 3 he begins looking at the life as a whole and breaking it into smaller times or seasons. David Gibson that he shares on CH 3 of Ecclesiastes. "Now in chapter 3 the Preacher brings together both the big picture (the whole of life) and the individual parts (the seasons of life) and begins to explain why our lack of control over either is the very thing that can give us hope. There are many ways to embrace our frailty, and nearly all of them involved thinking clearly about time. It is part of living well to accept two things: first, we are enclosed within time's bounds, and second, God is not."

#### **Conclusions:** 3 Steps to Find Meaning For Our Life

1. V.1-8 Seasons come and go; situations often change; **Step #1 How to find meaning for your life – find where God is working in this season of your life (V1-8)**
2. V.9-10 What is the point of this life? **Step #2 How to find meaning for your life – find the task God has assigned to your life (V9-10)**
3. V11 He makes everything beautiful in its time. **Step #3 How to find meaning for your life – To find out (accepting) that this life is only temporary before eternity comes (V11 He has also put eternity in their hearts)**

#### **BONUS:** 3 Steps to Enjoying Life

1. We must be STEADFAST during the storms of life and - **Step #1– find where God is working in this season of your life**
2. We must be IMMOVABLE **Step #2– once we find the task God has assigned to your life (V9-10)**
3. We must be EXCELLING IN THE LORD'S WORK - **Step #3 Finding out (accepting) that this life is only temporary before eternity comes.**

#### **Grow Group Questions:**

1. How can we help each other embrace the changes of seasons (V1-8)
2. What are some ways we can practice being steadfast during the storms of life? (V1-8)
3. Knowing that God has given each of us a task, how does this change our weekly or daily lives? (V10)
4. Knowing that God will judge the righteous and the wicked, how does this impact our interaction with others? (V17)
5. Challenge – knowing that we as believers are Living in Light of Eternity who is one person we can invite to church next week?

#### **Announcements - 3/5**

1. Sisters – 3/11 at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall – Guest Speaker Kathy Regan
2. Registration for Grow Groups is now OPEN! Find a group at [feathersoundchurch.com/grow](http://feathersoundchurch.com/grow)
3. Church Work Day – 3/18 from 9AM to 12PM
4. Easter Sunday Baptisms – 4/9 After our 6:30AM Sunrise Service – Sign up to be baptized at [feathersoundchurch.com/baptism](http://feathersoundchurch.com/baptism)