

CHASING THE WIND

ECCLESIASTES

SERMON GUIDE

CHASING PURPOSE IN WORK

Ecclesiastes 2:18-3:15, 9:7-9 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your Bible studies!

***QUESTIONS FOR KIDS!** Questions most suitable for children are marked with an asterisk.

Conversation Questions

1. What do you love most... and what is most frustrating to you about your work?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 2:18-3:15. What verse or phrase stands out to you most? Why?
 - a. For a great introduction to the book of Ecclesiastes you might take a moment to watch this video from the Bible Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeUiuSK81-0>
 - b. Or, you can go to YouTube and type "Bible Project Ecclesiastes" in the search bar. It will be the second video they suggest.
3. In 2:18-26, what are some things that the Teacher observes about our work that strike him as absurd or meaningless?
 - a. Which of the Teacher's observations resonate with you most? Are there any you would add?
 - b. Where have you experienced these dynamics in your work?
4. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time.
5. What do you think these statements mean with regard to our work?
 - a. 11a He has made everything beautiful in its time...
 - b. 11b He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet[a] no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.
6. What is "God's gift" to us in the midst of all our toil? (3:12-13)
7. How is God's work different than ours and what impact does this have on how we look at our work (3:14)?
 - a. What would greater humility in your work look like?

Take some time to thank God for your job and all that it provides for you. Confess any ways in which you have been relating to your work unwisely and ask for greater humility at work this week.