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Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3, 9:11-16 | Pastor Tim Prince

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

Notes

OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION is to see CHRIST...
TRANSFORMING individuals and families
RENEWING neighborhoods and the valley
EMPOWERING local and global missional leaders.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Ps. 27:1 (Fear)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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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. Life just isn't fair. Without getting into an argument (or feeling the need to respond or get defensive) would you share with one another the injustices you see in our world that trouble you most.

a. Or: Could you share about a time when you felt that you were being treated unfairly at home or at work or someplace else?

2. Read Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3 and 8:10-15. 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 the first section (3:16-4:3) there are two occasions when the Teacher talks about injustice and oppression that he sees happening "under the sun" (3:16, 4:1).

a. How does the Teacher try to comfort himself (3:17-21)?

4. The Teacher's reflections don't appear to bring him any comfort and he winds up in a pretty dark place (4:1-3).
a. Why do you think his reflections don't provide him the comfort that he's looking for?

5. His reflections on the destiny of unjust and oppressive people strike a very different tone in 8:10-15.
a. What do you think makes the difference?

b. What can we learn from this in our struggle to come to grips with injustice today?

6. Read 1 Peter 2:18-25. This was written to people suffering injustice. How would reflecting on the suffering of Jesus add to the Teacher's words about how to respond when we are treated unfairly?

a. How would reflecting on what Jesus has done for us keep us from:

- i. Passive resignation in the face of injustice?
- ii. Hopeless activism that expects too much from the world?
- iii. Lashing out at those who have hurt us?

If you feel that you are suffering unjustly right now, take time to bring that to the Lord in prayer. Ask him for fresh perspective on your suffering and for grace to respond as Jesus did.