

Lesson Two: The Explorer Ecclesiastes 3:9-15 Sam Leopold | May 8, 2024

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[9] What gain has the worker from his toil? [10] I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. [11] He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. [12] I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; [13] also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.[14] I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. [15] That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

Our Job:



Notes on Listening and Asking Questions:

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What did you learn from the active listening exercise? How does the concept of having one vertical conversation with God while having another horizontal conversation with a person help you think about evangelism?
- 2. How can you ponder and wonder about the gospel in a way that lays seeds for gospel conversations with those whom God is sending you to?
- 3. Of all the questions mentioned, what 3 questions resonate with you the most in the missional audience God is sending you to?
- 4. What topics that relate to God's image, which all of humanity can relate to, do you find yourself talking about the most in everyday conversations?
- 5. How can you take the initiative in the power of the Holy Spirit to take begin new relationships/start new conversations with those whom God is sending you to?
- 6. How can you take the initiative in the power of the Holy Spirit to take conversations regarding general topics to topics related to spiritual conversations or deeper meaning?

Resources for further learning:

- 1. "God Space" by Doug Pollock
- 2. "Questioning Evangelism" by Randy Newman
- 3. "Stay Salt" Rebecca Pippert
- 4. "Making Sense of God" by Tim Keller