



March 15th, 2026
Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.

Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What do the scripture passages say? Read Ecclesiastes 7:2-4*

1. According to verse 2, why does the writer say it is better to go to a “house of mourning” than a “house of feasting”? What reason does the text give?
 2. In verse 3, what surprising comparison does Solomon make between grief and laughter, and what effect does he say sadness can have on the heart?
 3. How does verse 4 contrast the “heart of the wise” and the “heart of fools”? Where does each one choose to dwell?
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Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life?

4. Our culture tends to avoid thinking about death. Why do you think people are uncomfortable talking about mortality, and how might that avoidance affect the way we live our lives?
 5. The sermon suggested that remembering our mortality can bring clarity about what truly matters. What are some things in your life that might change if you intentionally lived with eternity in mind?
 6. Verse 3 suggests grief can produce something good in the heart. Have you ever experienced a season of grief or hardship that clarified what mattered most in life or faith?
 7. Ecclesiastes says wisdom comes from facing the reality of death, while the gospel gives hope through Jesus’ resurrection. How does the promise of eternal life shape the way Christians should think about death and live today?
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Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.*

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****
