

Week 6: The Vanity of Planning

Date: October 17th, 2021

Passage: Ecclesiastes 9:11-18

Small Group Discussion questions help us dig deeper, connecting Sunday's sermons with our everyday lives. These questions have been designed to help Small Groups grow in their relationship with God, with one another, and with their neighbors. Please know that these questions are meant to be a resource to you. You do not have to follow them verbatim or get through them all. Use these questions in the way that best serves your Small Group.

1. **Read** Ecclesiastes 9:11-18
2. What stood out to you from the sermon and this passage? What challenged you? Encouraged you?
3. Are you a planner? Why or why not? How do you respond when plans fail or suddenly change?
4. **Read** James 4:13-15 - Discuss
5. The boxer Mike Tyson said, "*everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth.*" Discuss - Agree? Disagree?
6. Why do you think many people have concerns when they think about the "judgment" of God? Why is the "judgment" of God important?
7. **Read** Psalm 33:11 - Discuss
8. Does it give you encouragement knowing that God's plans stand firm forever?
9. If someone asked you, "*What is God's plan for my life?*" What would you tell them?

Pray: Thank God that His plan involved sending Jesus to die for our sin. Ask God for the grace to trust Him even when your plans fail. Repent of the ways that you try to plan your entire life, while leaving God out of the equation. Thank God that one day His plan for you involves Heaven and eternal life with Jesus.