



Series: Set Free to Live Free

Passage Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

Title God's Glory Revealed Through Faith?

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Discussion Starter: Are you able to see God's creative handiwork in the traits and talents you possess? Has this week's message prompted you to look at how they might be more effectively used to glorify God?

God's Creation and Order (Ecclesiastes 3:9-10; John 6:26-29; John 4:34)

- Many people have been moved by God's spirit after witnessing the majesty and order of His creation. How does this subsequently prepare their hearts to receive the gospel?
- Can you remember the means by which God worked on your heart to prepare you to receive the gospel?
- God is a God of order and He has called us to labor in this life. In verse 9 Solomon ask the question: "of what profit has the worker in which he labors?" In verse 10 he observes that man is occupied with labor. As Christians how do these two truths work together to the glory of God?

God's Timing and Purpose (Ecclesiastes 3:11; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 1:20)

- What does it mean that God has made "everything appropriate in its time"? How do you see that in your own life?
- Why do you think God places eternity in our hearts? What does it mean... and how does it effect how we labor or spend our time in this life?

Joy of Laboring in Faith (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13; John 6:26-29; Matthew 6:24-27; John 4:34)

- What differences do we see between "worldly joy" and a "striving for good things" from that which Jesus has called us to experience in Him through faith?
- Can you think of some practical ways you might better apply Matthew 16:24 into your daily life? Jesus says "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me"? What are some practical examples of how you might apply each one of these three commands in your work place, home or a ministry God has called you to?