

Ecclesiastes (10/30)

9: 11-12—disaster can follow anyone / prophecy

- Jeff: maybe it is just referencing chance
- Ian: good qualities don't affect your outcome only circumstance and chance
- Scott: If we only rely on our qualities is God abandoning us?
- Zach: You can work and be at the mercy of God or not work and have nothing for certain
- Dylan: given gifts and don't use them this is vanity and life without God
- Kyle: What of chance?
- Tyler: Reference to the present- we strive for all these things that are defined as vanity

2: 1-24

- Toil
 - Is toiling good?
 - Andrew: Seems to saying toiling is good and bad.
 - Jeff: Don't find fault in toiling. Do it without complaint because this is what God has planned for you.
 - Geoff: Does this mean to forget the bad and focus on the good of your situation
- Vanity
 - Jeff: If you search for a deeper meaning for your hard work besides it providing for yourself you will have a hard time finding it because that is not our purpose
 - Zach: Know that you have purpose and not search for your exact purpose
 - Scott: Interpreted it as King Solomon saying this- I have everything and have struggled and it is not worth it.
 - 2: 18-19
 - Ian: It is bad to look to who will inherit the results of your hard work. This is vanity. It is better to do the work that you can than to sit back and worry

3: 18

- Conflict Genesis
 - Zach: may be written to humble humans and not be so mighty in our existence
 - Tyler: we die like animals not that we are the same necessarily

- Jeff: the similarity is in the end of life not the process and living of it.
- Geoff: Our ability to think and figure out all these things are what brings us down

6: 2,3

- Jeff: Those who have things will not enjoy them but those who don't have them truly appreciate them
- Andrew: putting objects and wealth on a pedestal makes them seem worth so much less when you actually get them. Argument over vanity above fits this well

7: 3

- Sorrow- laughter
 - Jeff: Sorrow shows us laughter
 - Dylan: Searching and striving even when bringing sorrow is better than not toiling and finding laughter