

## **FULL PLATE – PURPOSE LESS:**

### **GOD IS IN CONTROL!**

(Ecclesiastes 6:1-12)

**Q.** DO you find it hard or easy for you to be in charge or not to be in charge?

**Q.** HOW or WHERE do you struggle when it comes to control and especially when it comes to letting God be in charge?

**Q.** WHAT do you think it means that God is sovereign?  
(Psalm 103:19)

#### **(Vs.1-2)**

**Q.** WHY does Solomon call it *a meaningless and grievous evil* to be given great wealth and honour, yet be unable to enjoy them?

**Q.** HOW ought this to impact the way we live and WHAT we might strive for and seek to attain?

**Q.** In WHAT way is God being in control a factor in what we have and will one day not have?

#### **(Vs. 3-6)**

**Q.** WHY would Solomon say that a child dying at birth is better off than someone who had it all and then lost it?

**Q.** HOW does God being in control make sense of all the hardship and hassle that life is known to inflict on us?

#### **(Vs.7-9)**

**Q.** WHY does a hunger for things not satisfy the appetite?

**Q.** HOW might focussing on what we do have rather than what we don't, help us to better see both God's hand

and His blessing on our life?

**(Vs.10-12)**

**Q.** HOW would you answer Solomon's question in (Vs.12)

**Q.** WHY do people doubt God's control over the world He has made and that which - *has already been named*?

**Q.** IF God gives us some freedom to make real choices, but is ultimately leading us to where He intends us to go - HOW does this enable us to face anything in life with joy and hope, and without fear or worry?

(Romans 8:28)

**Q.** WHAT stories come to mind from the Bible where the control God has over all events is seen in the way He uses even evil for good?

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