

## Life Group Questions

### Sunday 26 March 2023

#### Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-10

1. How would you summarise the writer's view of life under the sun in this passage?
2. Have you ever felt this way? Read what David says in Psalm 13:1-2

As one commentator put it,

“It is hard to avoid the impression that sometimes the sages of Israel held up core Israelite beliefs: God loves the weak and poor, the righteous will be blessed and live, while the wicked will be punished and die, and then throw out the challenge: How can this belief be squared with the real world we live in? Life often simply doesn't follow these rules”.

So if that's the challenge the writer of Ecclesiastes throws out to the rest of the Bible, how does the rest of the Bible answer it? Lets find out.....

3. Read Hebrews 11:3. How might this challenge the view of “life under the sun”?
4. Do you think the writer of Ecclesiastes agreed with this?
5. What was his view of God?

6. How is our view of God the same or different?

7. Read Hebrews 1:14. How might this challenge the view of “life under the sun”?

8. To what extent do dreams, angelic visitations and visions play a part in your Christian experience, if at all?

9. Have you had any unusual spiritual experiences that you might want to share?

(You may want to listen to the BBC podcast A Bright yellow Light for a contemporary story of an encounter with angels. Beware, however, it is quite harrowing).

10. Read Hebrews 1:1. How might this challenge the view of “life under the sun”?

11. What are the different ways you “take in” Scripture? How does this help you?

11. Read Hebrews 1:2-4. How does this description of Jesus challenge the view of “life under the sun”?

## **Conclusion**

The fickleness and unfairness of life is swallowed up in the hope of the resurrection and the life to come. We began with verses 1-2 of Psalm 13. Now read v 5-6.