## Midweek Bible Study

Exposition of Qoheleth
Challenges to Enjoying the Gift (Part 2)
Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16

## Challenges to God making everything beautiful

- Injustice (3:16-22)
- **Oppression** (4:1-3)

## Challenges enjoying life and labor as a gift

- Envy (4:4-6)
  - A. Rivalry drives labor (4:4)
  - B. Idleness rebuked (4:5)
  - C. The golden means (4:6)
- Loneliness (4:7-12)
  - A. Married to his work (4:7-8)
  - B. The blessing of companionship (4:9-12)
- Politics (4:13-16)
  - A. The popularity of the successor (4:13-15)
  - B. The unpopularity of the successor (4:16)

## **Application**

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (Psa 20:7 ESV)