

SERIES OVERVIEW

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon sets out to discover if “life under the sun” is truly worth living. He goes on a journey throughout the book and finds himself originally declaring that everything under the sun is meaningless (Hebrew. Hebel—literally translated, vapor or breath. Used 38 times in this book). Solomon is overwhelmed with the truth that death is coming for every person, and that nothing worked for, earned, or pursued seems to have any lasting value.

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CONTEXT: In Ecclesiastes 10:8-11:6, the Teacher emphasizes the unpredictable nature of life and the importance of being diligent and wise in our actions. He encourages us to invest in multiple ventures, as we do not know which ones will succeed, and to trust in God’s providence despite life’s uncertainties.

THE BIG IDEA

Walk in obedience and do whatever God asks you to do. Take the risk and trust God with the outcome.

ICE BREAKER

Share a situation in your teenage/young adult years that you took a risk OR a time that your fear was too great to risk it. (Have fun with this. Ex. asking someone on a date or doing something fun)

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 10:8-11:6

He who digs a pit will fall into it, and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall. 9 He who quarries stones is hurt by them, and he who splits logs is endangered by them. 10 If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the

Scripture continued: edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed. 11 If the serpent bites before it is charmed, there is no advantage to the charmer. 12 The words of a wise man’s mouth win him favor, but the lips of a fool consume him. 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is evil madness. 14 A fool multiplies words, though no man knows what is to be, and who can tell him what will be after him? 15 The toil of a fool wearies him, for he does not know the way to the city. 16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! 17 Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility, and your princes feast at the proper time, for strength, and not for drunkenness! 18 Through sloth the roof sinks in, and through indolence the house leaks. 19 Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything. 20 Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your bedroom curse the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter. **11** Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. 2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth. 3 If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. 4 He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. 5 As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything. 6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

GROUP DISCUSSION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Read verses 8-11. What is Solomon saying about life, wisdom and risk in these verses? Share a real life example of verses 9-10 where wisdom helped you succeed.

Do you agree or disagree with this often used statement, ***"The safest place to be is in the Will of God"***? How does the life, death and resurrection of Jesus impact your answer?

How does Romans 8:28 help us as we face heartache, hardship, rejection or a fear of taking a risk when we are in God's Will?

Read verses 12-14. How does James 3:5-6 help us understand verses 12-14 that teach us that wise people watch their words and use them to build others up?

Read verses 15-19. Are you a planner or a prayer? What does it look like to be both yet still be wise?

Read Eccl. 11:1-6. In verse 1, Solomon is teaching us to take risk. How does this relate to the Kingdom work we are called to?

How would it change your obedience if you were to truly believe that whatever God tells you to do may be risky to you but it's not risky to Him?

Why is it difficult to see the Kingdom reward when obedience seems too risky?

Discussion continued:

What is God asking you to do that fear or your unwillingness to risk is keeping you from doing it?

How do verses 1-6 relate to our **All To Him** Journey? In response to these verses and the sermon, what is God asking you to do that you haven't done yet?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

Closing Prayer(come back together as a group) God, first we lift you up above all and thank you that you include us in your work. God, we humbly ask you to tell us individually and as a community what you want us to do for your Kingdom. God, give us the courage and faith to do it. Speak Holy Spirit... Our hearts are open. Amen.



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