

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: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14, the Preacher emphasizes the importance of wisdom, the pursuit of knowledge, and the careful arrangement of proverbs. Ultimately, he concludes that the essence of life is to fear God and keep His commandments, as every deed will be judged by Him.

THE BIG IDEA

The duty of mankind is simple. Fear God and obey his commands.

ICE BREAKER

What wisdom would you share with your younger self? Share something light hearted and fun and something more serious concerning life.

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Fear God and Keep His Commandments

9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. 10 The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. 12 My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

GROUP DISCUSSION

Watch the overview of the Book of Ecclesiastes as a group and build a 1-2 sentence summary of the book.

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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 9-10 and notice the writer goes from 1st to 3rd person. The writer calls Solomon wise and tells us Solomon “taught the people knowledge...”. How does the fact that Solomon taught information not affirmation differ from our world today especially in the social media/influencer space?

Read verses 11-12. In verse 11, we read that the purpose of wisdom is like “goads” and “nails”. How are words of wisdom like goads and nails? Personally, how has God used His Word to prod you in the right direction or stabilize you?

How does Proverbs 2:6 help us understand the end of verse 11 and the significance of the Shepherd being the only source of true wisdom?

How would you translate the warning in verse 12 to modern day application?

What is one Biblical truth from our Ecclesiastes Series you want to remember and what action step are you making to implement this truth into your daily life?

Discussion continued: Read the conclusion to the Book of Ecclesiastes in verses 13-14. The writer concludes 3 things that we need to live a life of wisdom; **Fear God, Obey God** and **We’re Accountable to God**. Share which one of these is the easiest and which one is the hardest for you to accept and actually live out?

How does the Gospel and our surrender to Jesus change your Judgement Day?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests.

Closing Prayer(come back together as a group) God, help us to see the brevity of life and the vanity in wasting the one life you’ve given us. Jesus we give our all to you just as you have given your all for us. In Jesus name, Amen.



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