

Ecclesiastes: Finding Meaning in the Meaningless Lesson #8

Title: Finding Meaning in Life

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14

GOAL: To Fear God & Send It.

Announcements

Refugee Shoebox gifts: We're gearing up for another Christmas outreach at the Arab American Learning Center in Sacramento. If you haven't yet, pick up a box on the patio on Sunday. Boxes will be collected through December 3.

JOY Group Christmas Banquet: The JOY Group Christmas Banquet will be at the Cold Springs Country Club on Sunday, December 3 at 12:30pm. Tickets are available on the Patio.

Compassion Team Volunteers Needed: The Compassion Team provides assistance and encouragement to those in need within the COTF family. The team sends written encouragement, offers transportation to appointments, visits, and intercedes for those who are sick or in the hospital in addition to providing meals to families to help them through a difficult time. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Pat Campbell by email at wonderfulgrace4me@gmail.com or by phone at 530-295-9163.

Open in prayer

Opening Question: What was one of the worst investments of your time, energy or money that you ever made?

Read Ecclesiastes 11:7 - 12:9

1. From this sermon series and specifically Eccl. 1:2, how do you make sense out of "everything is meaningless"?
2. All of us have put a lot of time and energy into our work. Given the reality of Eccl. 2:18, 19, 21, what should be our perspective on our work?

3. Read Eccl. 3:12-13. How good is your satisfaction level with your work or responsibilities in life? How can we praise God with you or pray to God for you?
4. Compare Eccl. 7:1-4 to James 1:2-8.
5. Compare Eccl. 9:11-12 to 1 Cor. 10:13.
6. We ought to praise God for what He has given us. What gives you joy in life now? (Eccl. 11:7-8)
7. Write one or two word descriptions in the margin of your Bible for each verse in Eccl. 12:1-8. Share those descriptions with the group.
8. How does Eccl. 12:13 effect your initial perceptions of Solomon as a person?

Application:

9. Where do you need to set some boundaries on how you spend your time?
10. What are some healthy cell phone practices you've heard about or thought about, but not implemented?
11. What came to your mind when you heard the explanation of "Send it."

Close in Prayer