

ECCLESIASTES

A B E A U T I F U L L I F E

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | FINISHING WELL | NOVEMBER 19, 2023

1. **Read Ecclesiastes 12:1.** The Preacher (Solomon) encourages us not to take our lives for granted. In what ways can you value your youth better? If you are an older individual, what lessons on wisdom have you learned you may be able to pass along to mentor a younger individual?
2. The Preacher says our choices determine whether we are drawn to God or away from Him. Is there a decision you need to seek God's guidance for in the coming week? Ask Him to give you direction to align with His higher purpose for your life.
3. The Preacher sums up Ecclesiastes by reminding us to fear God and keep His commandments. In what ways can you think of to live more reverently and intentionally to God and honor Him with your life?
4. **Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.** The Preacher warns us that we are to worship God by honoring His commandments and all things in the dark will be brought to light. Pastor Brad said we need to live with a surrendered spirit. Can you think of any habits in your life you need to surrender to God that may be hindering you from having a healthy relationship with your Heavenly Father?
5. **Read John 13:35 and Luke 15:7.** The Preacher reminds us to love one another, even those who we may find challenging to love. Who can you think of that you need to pray for that desperately needs the love of Jesus? Can you pray for God to show you ways to come alongside that person to serve them in some way, giving honor to God and potentially change the trajectory of their life and eternity?
6. **Read John 16:33.** Although Jesus warns us we will have trouble in this world, many of us are surprised when it comes. Jesus also reminds us that He has overcome the world. What battle do you need to ask Jesus to fight on your behalf? How do you think God may be using your circumstance to give Him glory?
7. The world defines a beautiful life differently than God does. The Preacher speaks of showing love to others and the value in investing in people to further God's kingdom. Who (spouse, children, co-workers, etc) are you (or could you be) investing in on a regular basis and in what ways?