

Food for thought

1/9/22

Life is a vapor

Wisdom is fleeting

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

Day 1 – Understanding the passage

Read Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- Wisdom literature has some similarities to poetry.
 - What are some of the repeated words and ideas?
 - Sometime the lines will form a couplet where the first and second line mirror each other.
- This passage has two sections: 12-15 and 16-18.
 - Each of these passages concludes with a summary statement. Restate each statement.
 - What are the similarities between the two passages? Differences?
 - How do these passages connect back to the earlier part of chapter 1 (1:1-11)?
- State the main point of this passage in one sentence.

Day 2 – Taking stock of our lives

- How do we as people pursue knowing everything?
- How does the Fear Of Missing Out (FOMO) affect our world? You?
- What role does the internet play in our quest for complete knowledge?
- What role does social media play in our quest for knowing what is going on with our friends?
- What is the fruit (emotionally, mentally, socially, usage of our time, etc.) of our quest for knowing everything?

Day 3 – Applying the Bible to our lives

- How should we pursue wisdom? What is the difference between Proverbs 1:7 and what is happening in our passage?
- How can much wisdom lead to frustration (18a)? Or lead to sorrow (18b)?
- Should we pursue folly instead of wisdom? Why not?
- What does it look like to trust the Lord in this age of information and social media?

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