

Food for thought

1/16/22

Life is a vapor

Pleasure is fleeting

Ecclesiastes 2:1-17

Day 1 – Understanding the passage

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-17

- 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?
 - What do you notice about the list in 4-8?
- This passage has two sections: 1-11 and 12-17.
 - Each of these passages concludes with a summary statement. Restate each statement.
 - What are the similarities between the two passages? Differences?
- State the main point of this passage in one sentence.

Day 2 – Taking stock of our lives

- How do we as people pursue pleasure?
 - Think of some sinful ways we pursue pleasure.
 - Think of some wholesome ways we pursue things we enjoy.
 - What are the commonalities and differences between these two pursuits?
- What do we hope pleasure will do for us?
- Are you bored?
 - Is it OK to be bored?
 - How do you handle boredom?
- How has entertainment affected your life?
- What is a step you need to take with your approach to pleasure in your life?

Day 3 – Applying the Bible to our lives

- Is pleasure sinful? Discuss.
- How is pleasure, “vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.” verse 11?
- Wisdom is better than folly (v 13) in some ways, but not in others. How is wisdom better than folly? How are they the same?
- Read verse 17. How would you respond to that thought?
- In a world of pleasure and entertainment, how can we best help each other follow Christ?

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