

God's Beautiful Wise Church (Wisdom Literature)
Week's Reading: Ecclesiastes 6:10-8:17
Discussion Guide: February 20, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. - Matthew 6:1

How did you carefully worship this past week?

OPEN:

- Did anything stand out to you from this past week's reading?
- How were you raised to think about death?
- How do you now view death? Is it the same or different than what you were raised in?
- What has formed your perspective on death?

READ and ASK: Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:6, John 11:17-43, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

- 6:10-12 gives some observations and questions that introduce the next section. What are the observations and questions?
- What perspectives does the author give about life in order for us to think about death?
 - o Death can be a powerful teacher, how so?
- In what sense is death better than birth? How is this different than how we normally think while under the sun?
- In Ecclesiastes 7 the "house of mourning" (mourning of death) is set against, and said to be better than a "house of feasting" (aka reckless indulgence). What is better about a "house of mourning" in this context? What is to gain?
- From these texts, how should Christians view death?
 - o What are the benefits to considering death?

APPLY:

- How does thinking and speaking about death make you uncomfortable?
- How can you positively use times of mourning to gain Godly wisdom?

- What comfort do you find in not knowing what your earthly future holds, but being confident in who holds future beyond this age?
- NEXT STEP: From an extreme context, how do you need to look at life from a different perspective?

Memory Work:

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11:25-26

Next Week's Reading: Ecclesiastes 9:1-11:6