

God's Beautiful Wise Church (Wisdom Literature)

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

Discussion Guide: February 27, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: 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

Did you consider your life differently this past week?

OPEN:

- What stood out from this past week's reading?
- When you are given an instruction do you immediately do it, put it off (procrastinate), or just plan what you will do some day?

READ and ASK: Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

- Each verse contains at least one point each. Spend some time reflecting and discussing each point with one another.
 - o Wise living takes joy in the daily provisions we have (9:7).
 - o Wise living finds joy in the life we have (which we achieve through right living, 9:8).
 - o Wise living should live joyfully in our current relationships (especially marriage, 9:10).
 - o We should bring joy through the task given (focusing on the great commission, 9:10).
- Read Ephesians 5:15-16, how do you see Ecclesiastes 9 declaring the same message?
 - o How well do you do at taking advantage of each opportunity you have?
 - o How do you need to focus more on acting now, versus planning now, or putting off until later?

APPLY: Read Matthew 21:28-32

- What is this parable teaching?
 - o How does it teach wise living as Ecclesiastes 9?
- NEXT STEP: What instruction of God do you need to put into practice this week?

Memory Work:

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. – Ephesians 5:15-16

Next Week's Reading: Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14