

God's Beautiful Wise Church (Wisdom Literature)

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

Discussion Guide: March 6, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: 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

Was there a specific instruction of God's that you put into practice this past week?

OPEN:

- What stood out from this past week's reading?
- What has been your greatest take away from studying the book of Ecclesiastes?

READ and ASK: Ecclesiastes 12:8-14

- How does the author reinforce his credentials?
- What two analogies are used for wisdom in verse 11?
 - o What truths do they affirm?
 - o What practical ramifications are there for those who believe that wisdom is like a cattle prod (a goad) and a nail? (vs 11)
- What does verse 12 warn against?
 - o How can words of mere men keep us from surrendering to the wisdom of God?
- How does the author summarize the point of all he has written?
 - o What does it mean to fear God?
 - o How does the reality of judgment relate to and inspire the fear of God?

APPLY:

- NEXT STEP: In what specific way do you need to trust God?
 - o Share with the group: In what ways do you know you can trust God?

Memory Work:

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. – Ecclesiastes 12:13

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 2:6-16