

Points to Ponder

Sunday February 14, 2021

Finding Meaning ... In a World Chasing the Wind

Final Words: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

With a friend, your family or in your small group, discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever had to deliver final words? Describe the situation and what you said.
2. In your own words, summarize the message of Ecclesiastes from chapters 1-11.
3. Have you ever been in a situation where you “couldn’t see the forest for the trees”? In other words, you were so caught up in the small details that you couldn’t see the bigger picture of something. What was the situation and what did you learn from it?
4. What does it mean to *Fear God*? How does *fearing God* get lived out in your life? What fears, other than a fear of God, have dictated the way that you have lived in the past? What was the result of living that way?
5. A large part of obeying the commands of God/Jesus is in the way that we treat others. Who are those that you find easy to love? Who are those in your life that are a little more difficult to love? Why?
6. As you think of your life, what are some of the things that have caused you to take a path away from God? Have you found the pursuit of those things left you feeling empty and hopeless? Describe your experiences.
7. Ecclesiastes, like all Old Testament books, leads to Jesus. How has your faith in Jesus been the catalyst for loving God and loving others? Describe a situation where your faith *in Christ* has brought meaning to an otherwise chaotic circumstance.
8. In your own words, summarize the message of Ecclesiastes after reading chapter 12.

Prayer and Action Item

Pray for one another out of the key points that were discussed. Specifically pray that the Holy Spirit would help you to make God the very centrepiece of your life and enable you to truly, *Fear God and obey his commands*.