

SERMON NOTES

Date: September 15, 2019

Title: The Joy and Fear of the Lord Under the Sun

Text: Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14

Big Idea: Because life is unpredictable and death is certain, we should live each day in the joy and fear of the Lord, who is our loving Creator and righteous Judge.

APPLICATION GUIDE

REVIEW THE TEXT

Read Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14. Write out one or more statements that stood out to you as you read.

APPLY THE TRUTH

How can you keep from letting the unpredictability of life tempt you into living a lifestyle of fear or laziness?

What concerns you the most as you think about getting old and nearing the end of your life?

How can you find joy in the days you have remaining and make each one count for eternity?

What does it mean to remember the Lord in the days of your youth? How can you do that daily, as well as at critical times in your life?

How should the fear of the Lord impact everything you do? Give one or two practical examples of how fearing God influences the decisions you make or the priorities you keep. What would happen if you stopped living in the fear of the Lord?

How does the fear of the Lord ultimately drive believers to faith and dependence upon Christ?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

What is something that you want to do but might not be able to do if you wait too long? If it's not sinful or unwise—*go for it!*