Discussion Questions | Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 | The End Of The Matter

HERE TODAY, GONE TODAY

Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 and 1:14. What would you say are the major things in your life that you "chase" after? What are some of your pursuits in life that end in what Solomon calls, "vanity"? What are some things in life that distract you from the reality that life is just a vapor? How can even Christians be guilty of "striving after wind"?

TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN

What are some things that cause people or peers to have a negative view of life in general? How is their outlook on life different than what God intends? How can a Christian find enjoyment from a life that is so chaotic, uncertain and filled with disappointment?

WARNINGS FROM A LOVING SHEPHERD

Read Ecclesiastes 12:11 and Psalm 23. How can recent news headlines of death and destruction in the world be used by God to remind you about the brevity and fragility of life? How can these sobering reminders about the certainty of death impact your everyday life practically? What are some things that you need to change or refocus in your life because of the reality of death?

FEAR AND OBEY

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13 and Proverbs 9:10. Why does Solomon say that the key to life is fearing and obeying God? How can these two commands be the proper response for all of life's situations? What do these commands have to do with living with practical wisdom?

GOD'S INEVITABLE AND ULTIMATE JUDGMENT

Read Ecclesiastes 12:14. How can the reality and certainty of God's ultimate judgment impact your evangelism? Share about some people in your life where you lack urgency to share the gospel with. What are some things that convince you that you have more time than you really have?