Studies from Ecclesiastes on life and living

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Today's Study:
The end of life under the sun

Life under the Sun

Ecclesiastes 9:1-29

Prayerfully nurturing and sending discipled believers to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

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going deeper (for family or small group study)...

- Are you prepared for difficulties in life (9:1)? How can you prepare? How does the reality that your life is "in the hand of God" comfort you? How can this truth help you to live your life this week?
- How aware are you of your inevitable death (9:3-4)? Have you been guilty of being in denial of this reality? What should you do to both acknowledge and prepare for your dying day? How can you help others cultivate a healthy outlook on the brevity of their lives?
- What difference would it make in your life if you knew you were going to die in 6 months? How does taking death seriously help you with your values about money, time, and other resources.
- Do you serve the Lord wholeheartedly through your work or school (9:10)? What specific steps should you take to ensure that you have a godly work ethic? (Read Colossians 3:17 and 23.)
- Why is wisdom unimpressive to most people? Do you express appreciation when you see wisdom in others? Why are we so quick to forget the good that others do on our behalf? (9:13-18) Who should you thank today, and how will you do it?
- If death and difficulty come to both righteous and wise people as well as unrepentant sinners, what evidence do we have that God even cares about us?