Studies from Ecclesiastes on life and living

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Today's Study:

The end of the matter under the sun

Eccl. 12.1-14

Life under the Sun

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

Notes cont'd...

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

Questions from Ecclesiastes 12:

- Vs 1 - Why is it important to discover God in a meaningful way while you are young and "trouble-free?" What advantage does that provide when the "days of trouble" come?
- Vs 9 - 11 - What good are the words of the wise? What do "goads and nails" do? How is wisdom like each of these? What "wisdom" from Scripture serves these purposes in your life?
- Vs 13 - Discuss how "fearing and obeying" God can help you live life under the sun, even if you can't make sense of everything you see and experience.

Questions from the entire study of Ecclesiastes:

- List at least three key themes/thoughts from Ecclesiastes.
- What do you see in life under the sun that:
  - You don't understand?
  - You feel is unfair?
  - You want to fix but seem unable to?
- How do you think God wants you to respond and live in those difficulties? What verses of Scripture (from Ecclesiastes or elsewhere) make this clear?
- If you had the chance to share truths and texts from the New Testament with the author of Ecclesiastes what would you share?