

COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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Sermon: Ted Rastatter

Text: Ecclesiastes 2

Questions: Nathan Athineos

This week in Ecclesiastes 2, Ted continued with his main point; Life is vanity unless it is lived for Jesus. From the passage, Ted highlighted a problem all humans face: we elevate the gifts from God to a status they cannot maintain or achieve in an attempt to satisfy our soul. But he also highlights the solution to that problem, that Jesus Christ gave his life to cover our sins and rose from the dead to defeat death, and that in him we can find true satisfaction from the water of life.

1. Ted Started with a question that we can ask ourselves to examine our hearts:
“If I had/owned/experienced/achieved _____, *then* I would be happy and fulfilled or complete.” What are some things you personally struggle with in that way? Don’t be afraid to be honest and vulnerable, we are here to encourage each other. How can we be reminded and encouraged in the truth of the fulfillment Christ provides?
 2. Of the 8 things that Solomon attempts to satisfy his life with (comic relief, alcohol, a successful career, nature, wealth, entertainment, sex. fame), which one(s) do you think the western world is most prone to falling for? What about the rest of the world? How can we show the world the satisfaction that can be found in Jesus?
 3. How do we know when the gifts God has given us (the same 8 things from the previous question) are taking the place of or becoming equal to God in our life and becoming idols? What precautions can we take to keep pleasurable things in their correct places?
- See Romans 8:5-6, Luke 16:13, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, 1 John 2:15-17