

COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

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Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12

Questions: Ted

The main idea of last week's sermon is that Jesus is the source of true joy. Yet, under the sun, human beings look for satisfaction in so many things; money and wealth, career, etc. None of these offer the soul satisfaction we are seeking and therefore, according to the Preacher, they are all smoke (vanity, Hebrew - Hebel). When we idolize the good gifts that God gives us we end up losing the ability to enjoy them. This is a grievous evil under the sun. Read through the passage and discuss the following questions.

1. If you love money there will never be enough (5:10). In what ways does culture tell us that more = happiness? If that's not true, how do we combat that lie?
2. A painful irony under the sun is that even when someone *"lacks nothing of what he desires"* they can lack the power to enjoy it (6:2). Who is responsible for that ability to enjoy? Why do you think God sometimes withholds that ability?
3. The ability to enjoy the things we have comes from God (5:19). What's the difference between enjoying God's gifts and idolizing them? What's the difference between gratitude and greed?
4. Jesus became poor so that through his poverty we might become rich in him (2 Cor. 8:9). How does knowing that Jesus left behind the riches of heaven challenge the trajectory of your life's ambitions?
5. What are some practical ways you can fight for your joy in Jesus this week? How can our community group help each other find our satisfaction in Jesus?