

Truth and Wisdom (Ecclesiastes 12:9-14)

Living 101

Discussion Questions

- Everyone give two examples from their own life of things that are not very satisfactory to them right now.
- Why do we tend to be so focused on and dedicated to right now?
- Discuss how the book of Ecclesiastes in general addresses the tension between what we want and what we can have right now. Give examples of different places where the book describes the tension.
- Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-10. What is happening in these two verses?
- Read Ecclesiastes 22:11-14.
 - What does the author say about what is true?
 - When do you struggle to believe what is true? Give some examples of how our culture rejects God and God's truth.
- What do the "many books," the alternative sources of wisdom in culture, have in common? What false belief is their general premise?
- How does the author of Ecclesiastes warn us / remind us that there is time? Where does everyone and everything end up?
- How can we grow in our daily, moment to moment awareness of time?
- How does fearing God and keeping his commandments make more sense in light of the reality of time?
- Read Isaiah 53:6-7. How are verses encouraging to us? How does this help us when we know we have rejected God and his truth?
- God is our Father, and we are children. How is God warning you, his child, personally about what is true, what is untrue, and about time? How can we as brothers and sisters serve each other when it comes to living in truth and wisdom?