

As we close out this series, I would remind you of where we find divine wisdom and that is scripture. Make your camp in the Bible. Know the Bible. Love the Bible! When you do that it should lead to a greater love of Jesus and increase our faith in his finished work! Put your life in the hands of your savior and you will find a world far from vanity and full of great promise and joy!

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Songs of Praise

The Lion and the Lamb Lord I Need You

Announcements and Offering

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Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 95. To whom is Baptism to be administered?

Baptism is not to be administered to any outside membership of the church on earth, until they profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him; but infants descending from parents (one or both) professing faith in Christ and obedience to him, are, for that reason, within the covenant and/are to be baptised.

Song of Declaration

Build My Life

Sermon - Divine Wisdom, Fallen World

Sermon Scripture - Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Divine Wisdom

- Even though he starts with vanity (Ecclesiastes 12:9-10), what does Solomon call us to seek?
- What is a goad? What is the goad God uses for us to be on the right path?
 - Ecclesiastes 12:11
 - "I should think myself in the way of my duty to raise the affections of my hearers as high as I possibly can provided that they are affected by nothing but the truth." - Jonathan Edwards
 - Isaiah 40:11
 - Psalm 80:1
- What did Luther say would be the worst thing that could happen to the world?
 - "no greater mischief can happen to a christian people, than to have God's word taken from them, or falsified, so that they no longer have it pure and clear. God grant we and our descendants be not witnesses of such a calamity." - Martin Luther

Our Call

- What is our call? Where do we find this in scripture?
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13
 - Matthew 22:36-40
- What does it mean to fear the LORD?
- What two motivations do we have for following the commands of God?
 - "The chief purpose for which man is made is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever." Westminster Shorter Catechism #1
 - Ecclesiastes 12:14

Reality

- What is the main focus of this section (also a central theme throughout the book)?
 - "a life without absolutes, a life lived out of values without reference to God, a life that expects lasting satisfaction from earthbound things." Gordon Keddie
- What are two ways you can view this book as a whole?
- What is the last question we should ask upon finishing this book?

Song of Response

How Great Thou Art

Benediction

- 1. What has been your biggest takeaway from our study of Ecclesiastes?
- 2. Ecclesiastes 12:11 states the scriptures are like a goad (gives direction). Do you believe all scripture is used to give direction to our lives? How does this effect the way you live?
- 3. Martin Luther stated, "no greater mischief can happen to a christian people, than to have God's word taken from them, or falsified, so that they no longer have it pure and clear." Do you agree with this statement?
- 4. What does it mean to fear the LORD?
- 5. One of the themes of Ecclesiastes is life outside of Christ is total vanity (hopelessness). Would you agree?
- 6. What book of the Bible would you like to study next?