FAIRMOUNT WESLEYAN CHURCH

LIVING LIFE BACKWARD · DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

You Can't Take It With You

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WARM-UP

Getting Started

1. **What's something you bought or worked hard to get that you were sure would make you happy? How long did that feeling last?**

2. **If money were no object for one year, what would you do with it?**

   ↳ What does your answer say about what you think will make life good?

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PART 1

I Denied Myself Nothing

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1–11 together.

3. **Make a list of everything the Teacher tried: pleasure, projects, possessions, people, and more. Which of these is our culture most likely to chase today?**

4. **Verse 10 says, "I denied myself nothing my eyes desired." Yet in verse 11 he calls it all "a chasing after the wind." Why do you think having everything still left him empty?**

5. **Where in your own life have you chased something, gotten it, and still felt like something was missing?**

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PART 2

Never Enough

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10–17 together.

6. **Verse 10 says, "Whoever loves money never has enough." Why is "just a little more" such a hard trap to escape?**

   ↳ How do you know when you have enough?

7. **Verse 12 says the laborer sleeps well, but the abundance of the rich keeps them awake. In what ways can having more actually bring more worry?**

8. **"Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart" (v. 15). How does remembering that you can't take it with you change the way you see your possessions?**

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CHALLENGE

Receive It as a Gift

Read Ecclesiastes 5:18–20 together.

9. **After all the warnings, the Teacher says it is good to eat, drink, and enjoy our work, and that the ability to enjoy it is "a gift of God" (v. 19). What's the difference between enjoying what God gives and chasing it?**

10. **What is one simple gift in your life right now that you tend to overlook?**

    ↳ What would it look like to hold your money and possessions with an open hand this week?

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This week's challenge: hold your stuff with an open hand, and thank God for one gift you usually take for granted each day.