

The Good Life

Part 2: Life Is A Vapor Forrest Jenan – November 20, 2016

HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

- 1. Check in to see how everyone's week was.
- 2. Take time to review this week's teaching and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, and encouraged you.
- 3. Check out the Bible project video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeUiuSK81-0

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

- 4. Have you ever stopped to ask yourself, "What's the wise thing to do?"
 - Do you think we've lost the ability to be wise? Where does wisdom come from?
 - Have you ever thought about how "noisy" our lives have become? What is the noise in your life? What would it look like to rise above the "noise" that distracts us from Jesus?

5. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6.

• Forrest asked a great question after reading this passage on Sunday: Does your social media stream reflect peace and godliness? There is lots of division in our country today. What are ways we can be peacemakers and learn from Paul as he writes to Timothy?

6. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13.

What can we learn from the author's concluding thoughts?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

- 7. Forrest used an illustration of a Plinko board to show the random and chaotic nature of life that the author of Ecclesiastes is addressing. Have you ever felt like the author of Ecclesiastes? Have you ever felt like there is a glitch in the system even though you, or someone you know, was a good person that "followed the rules?"
- 8. In the midst of time, death, and chance you can still choose faith, hope and love, and if you do it will produce gratitude and joy for all the random moments of time that are just taking you one step closer to death. Life's most uncertain moment is death. Yet Jesus conquered even that. What hope can we find in Jesus, and his conquering of the grave?
- 9. End by praying for one another.