Reboot Dawn of Life

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"9 Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. 10 Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity. Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; 2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, 3 in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, 4 and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— 5 they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets — 6 before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 8 Vanity[c] of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity." -Ecclesiastes 11:9 – 12:8 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What is something you miss about being younger?
- If you could tell your younger self anything that you know now what would it be?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Ecclesiastes 11:9 12:8. Why does it say that it is important to remember your creator in your youth?
- Read Ecclesiastes 11:9 12:8. What happens to everyone over time?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What did the pandemic reveal about the meaningless of life?
- What will go with you to the new creation? What will not?
- How has God shaped your values as you have gotten older?
- Does life have be meaningless? How does having a rich faith in God change all that?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Now is the time to commit to a life that is full of meaning by deepening your faith in Christ. What is something you can do to do that?
- Talk to someone this week about how grateful you are to God and all He has given to you.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

• For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

- 1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
- 2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
- 3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection)
- 4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
- 5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
- 6. Pray for one another.

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