

Ecclesiastes: Community Group Study Guide

Pick and choose questions to answer and discuss

Opener

The Westminster Catechism tells us that, 'Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him for ever.' This is the Preacher's conclusion as he brings his journey into understanding to an end.

How are you glorifying God?

How are you enjoying Him?

Engage with God in a Group

Read Ecclesiastes 10

How is the spoiling influence of foolishness communicated in 10: 1? How can being aware of this help us to live more wisely?

What helpful perspectives do you see in 10: 19 for how we should live?

Read Ecclesiastes 11

How do verses 1-6 in chapter 11 reflect the fact that life is unpredictable, and why is this important to properly recognize?

Which of these are evident in Ecclesiastes 10: 1–11: 6, and how are they further developed there?

- The tragic reality of mankind's sinfulness
- The reality of our coming physical death
- Enjoying our work, and enjoying life's true pleasures as God's good gifts
- Recognizing life's frustrations and hardships
- The meaning of true wisdom
- Fearing God
- Gratefulness to God

What is the teacher trying to tell us in vv. 7 & 8?

Read Ecclesiastes 12

Chapter 12 has been called the key to the book of Ecclesiastes. Why might this be so?

What do you see as the most important accomplishments mentioned in 12: 9-10?

What are the most important truths about God that you see in 12: 11-14?

What are the most important ways in which the message of 12: 13-14 impacts your life at this time?

What four-to six-word title would you give to this book to best summarize its content and significance?

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[The Fear that conquers Fear](#)

[Counsel III: Stay Poised](#)

[Counsel IV: Live Boldly](#)

[Counsel V: The Anchor of Our Soul](#)

[Final Words for a Final Day](#)

Bottom Line

Do you take God seriously? “When you can’t figure Him out, do you still fear Him? For either you will fear the Creator or fear the creation; it takes the greater fear to dispel the lesser fear. “God is God, and we are not. Fear Him without terror; fear Him with honor and reverence. Fear Him—and do what He says. “As it is with fear, so it is with faith: ‘Faith, if it has no works, is dead’ (James 1: 17).... “Do you take God seriously? “If you do, you’ll keep His commandments.

And you’ll take seriously what He said about Jesus.

God Himself declared from heaven: ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!’ (Matthew 17: 5).

As I live the ‘now’ of my life, forgetting neither what I’ve learned from my past nor the hope of my future, I want to understand what I can so I can know what I need to know —and do it right.