

Ecclesiastes: The Quest for Meaning Application Questions

Part 10

Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:8

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being very little and 10 being very much) how would you rate your ability to enjoy life? Explain.
2. How does the perspective of Ecclesiastes 11: 7-10 encourage you to pursue joy?
3. What are the elderly to remember? What are the young to remember? Why does the author say this? How does this specifically apply to your season of life?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-8. What about the relationship with God does the word "remember" imply? Pastor Matt said, "remembering rightly redeems rejoicing". How is that true according to this text? In what ways have you seen this to be true in your own life?
5. How do the metaphors in Ecclesiastes 12:2-5 describe the deterioration brought about in old age? Why should such deterioration encourage commitment to love and follow the Lord during our youth?
6. What are the metaphors used to describe death in Ecclesiastes 12:6-7? Why should the eventuality of death be a strong encouragement to a risk-taking commitment to God now while you still have the opportunity? Read, reflect on, and discuss with someone Psalm 71:9-18.