

Message Based Discussion

The Failure of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

- What did you like about this message?
- What did you find hard to accept or understand?
- What does this message teach you about people?
- What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?
- What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?
- How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?
- Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

Embracing and accepting the sovereignty of God can be one of the greatest challenges for the Christian at any point in their journey with Jesus? Reread Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 and John 15:1-11 and meditate on the implications of how our increased abiding time with Jesus will positively influence our understanding of God's sovereignty.

The Call to Missional Living

The lost world around us lives on an horizontal plane perpetually looking for more significance in a hopeless and dying world. According to Ecclesiastes, their ignorance is bliss. How might your vertical living (verities over vanities) shed light on their need for True Wisdom and a Savior better than the "self"? How will that change your tomorrow?

Pray

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Reading: Matthew 12:38-42

Wisdom: *n.* knowledge of what is true or right coupled with just judgment as to action; discernment, or insight.

1. Seeking wisdom (v. 12-15)

- A heart set on the horizontal
- Three clear conclusions
 - ◇ Sovereignty of God
 - ◇ How we are bent
 - ◇ Why we are frustrated

2. Finding folly (v. 16-18)

- More wisdom?
- Madness & Folly?
- Ignorance is bliss!

3. Living beyond the sun

- Applying our hearts (John 15:1-11)
- A biblical worldview
- Jesus is True Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18-30)