

Message Based Discussion

Carpe Diem
Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

- 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

The world says to seize the day because it is slipping away. This was the point in the movie *Dead Poets Society*. Christians, however, should seize the day because it was given to us from God and is His gift to us. What does this truth imply about your personal discipleship? How can you begin to study Scripture, pray, and fellowship in such a way that reflects life as a gift from God?

The Call to Missional Living

Although we can expect trials, which are from God, we can still live in light of our eternal hope of salvation. When we live in such a way we tell the world that our daily supply of grace is evidence that we are in the hands of God, and His hand is a good one. How can that message be a source of joy and comfort to you while also a testimony to the world in which you live?

Pray

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Ecclesiastes 3:9-15
September 10, 2017
Reading: Psalm 118:19-24

Carpe diem: “seize the day”

1. What's the point? (v. 9; cf. 1:3)
 - Life: in part, but not the whole (vs. 9-11)
 - Life is a gift (v. 10)
 - Life is linked to eternity (v. 11)

2. What now? (vs. 12-15)

“Lord, what would you have me do now?”

- An act of faith (vs. 12-13)

- Walking in humble fear (v. 14)

- ~~“History repeats itself.”~~ *God repeats history!* (v. 15)

3. Living beyond the sun

~Biblical *carpe diem*

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