

Message Based Discussion

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Reading: Proverbs 15:1-16

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

Solomon's observation about the motivating factor in our work is a general overarching one for all of humanity. Consider how this observation (v. 4) is possibly at play in the church at large. How does your perspective of, and approach to your endeavors display the glory of God?

The Call to Missional Living

As much as Solomon's impression of the power noted in verse one is more political than religious, how can we as Christians utilize the power we have to seek the comfort of the oppressed? Without getting carried away in the social gospel, how are we as contemporary Christians seeking the relief of the downtrodden? (James 1:27; 2:14-17; Matthew 25:34-36)

Pray

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1. Oppression (vs. 1-3)

- Innocent tears
- Oppressive power
- Never being born

2. Envy (vs. 4-6)

- Your neighbor, the Jones' (Industrious)
- Failing in ambition (Idle)
- Better is... (Integrated)

3. Living beyond the sun

- Depravity & despair
- The chief end of man
- Better is....contentment!