

Ecclesiastes Week 1 - Wisdom

Text: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 2:12-16; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Purpose: Wisdom is necessary for living a successful life and relating well to God, Creation, and one another. And yet, oftentimes it is difficult to understand what it looks like to live wisely in a confusing, frustrating, and broken world. When life is confusing, trust Jesus. When life is hard, cling to Jesus. And, when life seems to forget you, look to Jesus and make his name known.

Opening Interaction: Go around the group and share an unknowable question that you wish you knew the answer to (for example, during the message Brad shared “Was there actually a second shooter in the Kennedy assassination?”)

Read and Discuss:

- In this passage, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?
 - What is the author communicating to the audience?
 - What does this passage teach us about God?
1. Read Ecclesiastes 1:12-18. Why does knowledge increase sorrow? In the vanity of life why is it important to trust and cling to Jesus? What is something you’re trying to trust Jesus with during this season?
 2. Read Ecclesiastes 2:12-16. Do you struggle with wanting to “make your mark” on the world? Why can this be such a struggle?
 3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. How is the wisdom of God different from the wisdom of the world? Is it easy or difficult to remember and apply this in your life? Share an example.

Calvary Season of Prayer: Anticipation

As believers, the ultimate thing we are anticipating is the return of Christ. What does this have to do with wisdom? How does the return of Jesus help you to trust him, cling to him, and make his name known? What makes it difficult to anticipate his return?

Announcements:

- Tuesday Night Studies & Classes start back up September 20.
- Calvary’s 60th Anniversary Weekend - September 17-18.