

ECCLESIASTES

HOW TO LIVE

Ecclesiastes 2:12-17
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Read Ecclesiastes 2:12-17 (Groups: read it twice with separate readers)

Death can be an uncomfortable topic. Do you agree or disagree? How do you personally react when the topic of death, especially your own death is raised?

The Preacher prioritizes living wisely, but acknowledges that the life of a wise person and that of a fool end in the same way (v. 14). Is the writer suggesting there is no value whatsoever in wisdom? What else do people seek after or put their hope in that may be useful, but can neither save them or guarantee them more life?

In John 10:10, Jesus says that he came to give his followers abundant life. What is his definition of a full life? How can he mean abundance both in this life and life forever?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-55. Why does death lose its sting for believers in Christ? How has death been swallowed up in victory? What makes death a unique experience for Christians in comparison to people who believe in other worldviews?

How should a Christian perspective on death shape our lives now?

Read Philippians 1:21-22. What does the Apostle Paul mean by seeing life now as Christ and death as gain? Why is this perspective on life and death so, particularly, liberating? Do you see life as Christ and death as gain?

In what ways were you personally challenged by this message? One of the key points was to directly consider your own death. Did you do that? If so, what were you confronted with? If not, what held you back?