

# MINING THE MESSAGE

**TITLE:** The Gift of Death...

**SCRIPTURE:** Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

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## **BIG IDEA:**

Death whispers: stop trusting in the hebel and instead worshipfully enjoy it for what it is meant to provide!

## **OUTLINE:**

1. Death Whispers: God is Sovereign and *You Are Accountable* (1-6)
2. Death Whispers: God is Generous and *You Are to Enjoy* (8-10)
3. Death Whispers: God is Trustworthy and *You Are to Trust* (11-18)
4. Death Shouts: God is Architect and *You Are the Beneficiary* (7)

## **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**

- 1 What does it mean that God is sovereign? How does His sovereignty coincide with His other attributes (justice, holiness, love, etc.)? How can the knowledge of His sovereignty bring comfort in our life?
- 2 Read James 1:2,12 and 17. What does this verse say about God's generosity with His blessings? What kind of perspective does this bring into our life and trials?

## **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**

- 1 God sees the motivations for our actions. What are the primary motivations within your life right now? Would God approve of your motives for your actions?
- 2 Christ wanted us to have His joy as we abide in Him and obey His Word (John 15:9-11). What is robbing you of joy? Remember God has designed your life to experience the full joy of Christ.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

Meditate on Romans 8:31-39. List the truths that give you comfort and assurance in your trials. Write out verse vv. 38-39 with the inclusion of your trials. For example, "For I am sure that neither losing my job, nor getting COVID-19, nor ... will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **READ AHEAD**

Read Ecclesiastes 10. What are some of the markers of a fool? What traps of foolish living are you tempted to pursue?

