

MINING THE MESSAGE

TITLE: The Gift of Today...In Light of Tomorrow

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8

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BIG IDEA:

Since we know the normal course of life, intentionally live today the way God intended!

OUTLINE:

1. Here's What We Know...So... (11:7)
2. Rejoice (11:7-9)
3. Remember (11:8b, 12:1-8)
4. Remove (11:10)

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

- 1 Read Philippians 4:4-7. What about God's character leads you to rejoice in all your circumstances? What about God's presence can give you the strength to persevere?
- 2 Read Ecclesiastes 11:8. What about this thesis statement motivates us to live for Christ? How can this statement give us the all satisfying hope through this life?

HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?

- 1 What are you "grumpy" about or cynical about in your current life? How does your perspective need to be changed in order to see God's good purpose for the trial?
- 2 Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. What anxieties do you need to bring before the Lord? What do you need to ask God to help you with as you persevere in the middle of this trial?

LIVE IT OUT

Set out to look through new lenses this week. First, surrender yourself to God this week. Ask God to give you wisdom on how His work in your life is going to help you grow. Set an alarm in the middle of your day that will prompt you to think about and pray to God.

READ AHEAD

Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-14. How does vv. 13-14 reflect our pursuit for life? What needs to change in your life to live these verses out?

