

LIVING WITH *The End* IN MIND



Living With The End In Mind Life Under the Sun

What do you think of when you hear the phrase “living with the end in mind”? What does it look like when you live with the end in mind as you consider your education, job, possessions, accomplishments and relationships?

As we go through the book of Ecclesiastes, we will see some recurring phrases. Describe the meaning of each of the following phrases. Why are each important to consider when we think about how we are spending our time, energy and resources?

- “Everything is meaningless”
- “Under the sun”
- “Chasing after the wind”

What does it mean to know that you are the manager instead of the owner of all things God has given to you? Are some areas of your life easier for you to give to God than others?

Read Colossians 1:16

What does it mean that you were made for God? Does that change the choices you make?

Read Ecclesiastes 1

How would you answer the question, “What are you pursuing?”

What do people gain from all their toil and labor under the sun (vs 18)? Does understanding that human effort and action cannot regulate the patterns and irregularity of life discourage you or encourage you? Why?

What is something you could learn from the former generation? Why is it so hard for us to listen to the wisdom offered from those who have gone before us?

Compare and contrast life on earth with life in heaven. How do you find the balance between making the most of the time we have on earth with understanding that our time here is fleeting and meaningless in the scope of eternity?

Discussion Questions