

LIVING WITH *The End* IN MIND

Ecclesiastes 9 – Enjoying Life Together ***February 5, 2023***

Last week we were encouraged to “run to things that stir your heart’s affections for Jesus”. Is there any action or activity this past week you “ran to”?

Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-2. God is sovereign, and death comes to the righteous and the wicked. Does this seem fair? (Romans 3:10, Isaiah 64:8)

Read Ecclesiastes 9:4-5. How does going out in a blaze of glory contrast with “a living dog is better than a dead lion”?

Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-9. Why is enjoyment so difficult?

What motivates you to get up in the morning? Is there a small change you could make to your morning routine to stir your heart’s affections for Jesus and help you enjoy life before beginning your toil each day?

Read James 1:2. What mindset is necessary to have joy in hardship? How can a shift in perspective change the way we respond to difficulty?

Read Genesis 2:18 and Proverbs 18:22. Husband and wife are a team. There are ministry teams, work teams, and many other teams. For the following discussion, consider one team you are on.

- Have you found it to be true that teams are more successful, and teammates enjoy one another when they see each other as teammates and not as enemies?
- Teammates enjoy one another when they study and know each other. What positive results have come from studying your teammate(s)?
- Teammates enjoy one another when they have a game plan. What is your game plan for a successful team? How would the Daily Delay, Weekly Retreat, and Annual Abandon apply?
- Are you prone to be a diva (prideful), negatively impacting your team?

What is one step you could take to honor your teammate(s)? Is that action related to the change in your morning routine discussed above? Record your plan(s) on paper or in your phone and share the plan with a teammate for accountability.

Discussion Questions