



The Conclusion of the Matter (Ecc.11-12)

Sunday, March 26, 2023 AVBC 10:30 am

- ❖ Nothing matters
- ❖ Everything matters
- ❖ The Lord makes the difference

1. Solomon _____ the problem (Ecc 1:2,18; 2:10-11)

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. (Romans 8:20-21)

*Look around and be distressed, look within and be depressed,
look to Jesus, be at rest. (Corrie Ten Boom)*

2. Solomon _____ the problem

-Proverbs 5:1-7

-Proverbs 7:1-4

3. Solomon _____ the problem (Ecc. 11-12)

Life without God is _____.
Death without God is _____.
Death with God is _____.

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(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Do you have a favourite story or book that has a powerful conclusion? If so, explain.

Q2: People look for ultimate meaning in lots of things that Solomon describes as meaningless; career, education, information, money, materialism, pleasures of all kinds.

What do you think is the most alluring “idols” in our culture today? How can we, as believers, keep these items in their proper place?

Q3: Study Hebrews 11:24-27. What can we learn from Moses’ example about living with an eternal perspective?

Q4: Read and discuss the following quote.

“Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition, when infinite joy is offered to us; like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”
(C.S. Lewis)

Q5: Read I Timothy 6:6-10. How does this passage warn us about the dangers of pursuing “soap-bubble” type desires?

Q6: What do you think of the following quote: “*You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.*” (St. Augustine of Hippo)

Q7: What are one or two personal take-away or lessons you have garnered during our study of the book of Ecclesiastes?