



Dig Deeper @Home – “This too Shall Pass?” Complement to sermon on January 2, 2022

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. What was your favorite New Year’s tradition?
2. What are you most excited about in 2022?

MEMORIZE – Ecclesiastes 12:13

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of all people.

READ Ecclesiastes 1 & 12

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. What is being emphasized in these chapters? (hint: what is being repeated, compared, contrasted?)
4. Verses 6-8 speak of monotonous repetition. What does monotonous mean? What things in your life feel like monotonous repetition?
5. Verse 1:8 ends with “the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.” What does this phrase mean and how is connected with 12: 13-14?
6. The word “fear” shows up several times in Ecclesiastes. Look up all these verses and write down what you notice. (Ecclesiastes 3:14, 5:7, 8:12-13, 12:13).

Experiential: The Fear of the Lord

Read Proverbs 1: 1-7. Using your own words, rewrite these 7 verses in a way that is meaningful and contextual to you. Then begin each day by reading the seven verses that you wrote to help you focus on fearing God as you go through your day.

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

I owe the Lord a Morning Song - Mennonite Hymnal #479

A great song to start the day with gratitude to the Lord

How can I keep from Singing - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vh_8rTBpvRU

No matter what we face we can sing praises to our great God through Christ

The Great I AM

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Lord, as we go through our day, help us to walk in fear of You and live with Your kingdom purposes. Guide our eyes to those who need you, guide our ears to be drawn to those crying out for help, and give us the boldness to introduce those around us to you Jesus, Amen.