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Series: The Story, Ch. 6, Pt. 3

Sermon: How to Make Everything Meaningful

Text: Ecclesiastes 1-2, 12

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: Everything becomes meaningful with God.

1. Nothing matters. (1-2)
2. Only two things matter. (12:13)
3. Everything matters. (12:14)
4. Every day matters. (12:1)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ecclesiastes 1:2. Both Ralph Barton and King Solomon had tried everything and they both concluded that life (left by itself) was meaningless. How often do you find yourself thinking “if I could only have more of that” or “if only I could have something else” then I would be satisfied?

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says that God “has put eternity into man's heart”. We were designed to run on the eternal when the only fuel this world has to offer is the temporary. Discuss where you might have seen this in your life.

2. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. Do you believe that everything in life can become meaningful when you fear God and obey His commands (specially the overarching commands to love God and love people)? Explain why that is either easy or hard to believe? Are there certain areas where it's harder to live out? Explain.

How are you (*or how can you*) bring meaning into places such as your home, marriage, dating, education, job, social media engagement, schedule, conversations, finances, activities, and stuff? What changes might you need to make?

Meditate on Romans 11:36 verse phrase by phrase. How might this be the only verse you need to infuse meaning into your life?

3. Read Ecclesiastes 12:14. How does this verse make you feel? Do you feel convicted, motivated, both, or neither? Explain.

Read Ecclesiastes 1:3 and 2:18. Compare those 2 verses with Colossians 1:28-29. How can you add meaning to your life in multiple ways by living out Colossians 1:28-29?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1. The sooner you start saving with compound interest the better off financially you will be. How can you make the same parallel with the sooner you start living out Ecclesiastes 12:13 the better off the world will be?