

LIFE Group Guide

Love and Madness

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Read: Ecclesiastes 9

Outline:

- The righteous and wise along with all their deeds are in the hands of God. (1a)"
- The same maddening events happen to both good and bad people (1b & 2)
- The only certainty is corruption and death (3, 5 & 6)
- Every breath counts when you breath with hope for God (4)
- Find joy in God's provision and approval (7)
- Your life is meant to be clean and anointed (8)
- Enjoy the love God gives (9a)
- Love your labor, learning, and the wisdom God provides (9b & 10)
- You may not get expected rewards under the sun, but God hears and sees what is quietly offered (11-17)
- Thoughtful living wages war against great destruction so live for investments and not gratification (18)

Discussion Questions

1. What was something from the passage/message that led you to think, feel, or act biblically?
2. How does this passage connect with our lives today?
3. How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?
4. Do the good or bad events of life depend on how much we are loved by God? What does it mean to be in the hand of God? (9:1-2)
5. How do we find joy in God's provision and His approval? (9:7-10)
6. How should we live with whatever lot has been given to us by God (9:8-10)