

LIFE Group Guide

Beginning and End

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Read: Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14

Outline:

The end is near, so receive this fleeting life joyfully

1. Life is a gift to be enjoyed. (11:7-8a)
2. While life will bring darkness and difficulty... (11:8b)
3. And the future is an uncertain vapor... (11:8c)
4. Try to rejoice presently. (11:9a)

The end is near, so spend this fleeting life carefully

5. Live with righteous intention. (11:9b)
6. Push through confusion and pain (11:10)
7. Keep the Lord before you, always (12:1a)

The end is near, so release this fleeting life gracefully

8. Prepare to diminish with dignity (12:1b-5c)
9. We are going to die and go home in peace (5d-8)
10. Until then, we have Our Shepherd and His instructions (9-14)

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. What steps can you take to live with righteous intention? (11:9b)
5. Why are trials good for us as a Christian? (11:9b-12:1a)
6. How can we think of dying well in a godly way? How can we ask the Lord to help us with this? (12:1-8)