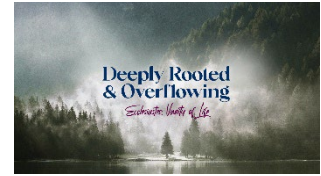


Deeply Rooted & Overflowing

# Vanity of Life

Ecclesiastes 11-11

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 4/14/24



Introduction

Further Study

2 Tim. 3:16-17

A Preacher and his Message (1-2)

Ecc. 12:9-10

Jms. 4:14

Human Effort (3-4)

Ecc. 2:11

Matt. 11:28-30

Jn. 3:7-8

Jn. 1:12-13

Natural Order (5-7)

Exploration & Innovation (8-11)

Takeaways & Applications:

Jn. 17

Acts 20:24

1 Cor. 15

Phil. 2:5-11

Phil. 3:8-21

Next Week: Life is a Gift (Ecclesiastes 3)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Deeply Rooted &amp; Overflowing</b> <b>Vanity of Life</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1</p>
<p><b>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</b></p> <p>Start with <b>Prayer</b> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – Ecclesiastes 1:1-11</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the meaning lying underneath Solomon’s proclamation of the vanity of life? How is Solomon attempting to guide his congregation to know, see, and understand that life cannot make sense apart from God?</li> <li>2. In what ways is human effort inadequate in finding answers or making sense of the deeper and greater meaning and purpose of our lives? Where else in the Scriptures do we see human effort falling short of achieving its grand intentions? (Gen. 11:1-9; 1 Sam. 15:22; Rom. 9:16)</li> <li>3. Describe some ways that we have tried to make sense of our lives or find greater meaning and purpose within the natural orders, systems, or design of the world. How might these pursuits point us toward God? How might these pursuits lead us astray?</li> <li>4. How does Solomon describe the endless pursuits of discovery and innovation? (vss. 8-11) In what sense is there, “nothing new under the sun?” And how could these verses be useful in guiding our attempts to rightly order and prioritize technology and exploration?</li> <li>5. When we look to Jesus and consider both his person and work, how does the deeper meaning and greater purpose for our lives begin to come realized in him?</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b></p> <p>2 Tim. 3:16-17 Ecc. 12:9-10 Jms. 4:14 Ecc. 2:11 Matt. 11:28-30 Jn. 3:7-8 Jn. 1:12-13 Jn. 17 Acts 20:24 1 Cor. 15 Phil. 2:5-11 Phil. 3:8-21</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>