



The Imperative of Enjoyment

Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

Sermon Question

If you knew that you had one year to live, what would you do differently?

1) The Trouble with Death (v. 1-6)

2) There are no Guarantees (v. 11-12)

3) Five Imperatives of Enjoying Life (v. 7-10)

4) Jesus Redefines the Imperative of Enjoyment!

Conclusion: There is an Imperative of Enjoyment, and its culmination is in seeking Jesus

Open It

If you knew that you had one year to live, what would you do differently?

Read It

Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

Consider It

What does verse 1 say about our fate and destiny?

How does verse 12 echo this idea?

If you don't mind sharing, who is someone that you have struggled to understand their early death? How did this affect you?

How would you sum up and evaluate the Preacher's assessment of life and death?

Read Psalm 49:10-14. What does the psalmist say that some have tried to do to give their lives meaning, and what is the result of their labor?

In Ecclesiastes 9:7-10, what various activities does the Preacher suggest for those who are struggling to find meaning in life?

In what sense is he right, and in what sense might he be wrong?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:19-20. What would you say to someone who knows the Gospel but will not receive Jesus as Savior (or doesn't believe that the Bible is true about Him), but is still trying to be a good and kind person? What do you think you can commend, and what is the problem with being good?

How can the understanding of the resurrection transform our ability to find enjoyment in our activities?

In Ecclesiastes 9:11, what are the various ways that things don't always end the way that would be expected? When have you seen this?

Live It!

How can you enjoy the riches of life with Jesus without becoming addicted to the pleasures of the world?