

Words to live by
For the week of September 2 – 8

Prayer: That we live life to its fullest in God's design

Day 1: Ecclesiastes 12:9 – 14, 1:12 – 18

Three questions to ponder:

How has the Teacher brought clarity to his inquiry?

What is the 'conclusion' of the matter? How would you explain how this is a Christian view?

How might we consider the Last Judgment more properly?

Day 2: Matthew 25:31 – 46

Three questions to ponder:

What is the purpose of Jesus' parable?

What does this reveal to us about our actions toward the 'least'? What impact does this parable have on you?

Day 3: Psalm 80

Three questions to ponder:

Is Shepherd a name you expected to find in Ecclesiastes?

How does this psalm provide a unique perspective on God as our Shepherd?

What plea does the psalmist have of the Shepherd?

Day 4: 1 John 1:1 – 4

Three questions to ponder:

What is the significance of words to John?

When have words 'created a new world'?

What meaning is there to Son being the Word?

Day 5: Romans 2:1 – 11

Three questions to ponder:

How does Paul consider God's judgment of our good & bad?

Are these verses comforting or disconcerting? Why?

What significant and practical differences does God's judgment make for us?

Further Reflection: We have completed our look at Ecclesiastes, what themes stick with you? How has God challenged you? Comforted you?