

SERMON OUTLINE

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

God's Word, Our Guide for Life

INTRODUCTION

(Verse 1 and 4) Bread cast upon the waters, planting must happen

(Verse 2 and 6) Diversity of investment, diversity of work

(Verse 3 and 5) God is in control of all things

Application for us:

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of the sermon is this: God's word is the guide for life. The preacher follows up the proverbs from chapter 10 with a few more to begin chapter 11. These proverbs highlight the systems God created for us to function in and his sovereignty over them. God encourages us to act, to plant seed, but we also must recognize his sovereignty over what will come of our sowing seed. The phrase "Do your best and let God do the rest" comes to my mind as I read and study these verses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Before Pastor Dave began preaching through Ecclesiastes what were your thoughts on the book? Have your thoughts changed? Why or why not?
3. Have you thought of decisive obedience before? Have you thought of it as a command before?
4. Does your life reflect someone who is fully surrendered to God's sovereignty over all?
5. What does "Do your best, let God do the rest" mean to you? Have you thought like that before?
6. Are you invested in a life of faith? A wise man makes plans but allows the Lord to direct his steps, are you easily steered by God? Are you quick to obey or do you anxiously hold on to your own thoughts and wisdom?
7. We serve an awesome and all powerful God, are you living a life that is fully surrendered to Him and to His leading on your life?
8. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

9. Seek to use the wisdom given to us in God's word to make decisions that are guided by His wisdom and full of faith that He is in control of the results.
10. Be faithful to reading God's word, submit to it and let it be the guiding influence in your life.
11. Ask the Lord to show you any areas in your life where you are failing to be decisively obedient to Him.
12. Pray for your brothers and sisters at Grace that we would be a humble Christ-like people, that we would pursue after our relationship with the Lord above all else.

PRAYER POINTS

13. Adoration. Praise God for being a loving Father who is moving and directing our lives even when we don't understand.
14. Confess. Confess any areas you are failing to be obedient to the Lord and submit to Him.
15. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His provision in your life. For work, for shelter, for sustenance, for your church.
16. Supplication. Ask God to give you a heart that is fully submissive to Him and to His promises.