

## Life Group Questions

### Sunday 16 April 2023

1. Have you ever lied about or purposefully concealed your age? Why did you feel that was necessary?

Chapter 10 v 1

2. What illustration is used to show how folly ruins the reputation of the wise and honourable? How does this apply to our day-to-day conduct?

(See Exodus 30:34–35; Colossians 5:1-9, Matt 5:13-15)

3. How have you seen this principle (a little folly outweighs wisdom) in your own experience? When have you seen small foolish decisions bring damaging effects?

Chapter 12

4. Be honest: what emotions do you feel reading through this passage? Do you find it encouraging? Depressing? Sobering? And why?

5. Verse 8 leaves off where the book began (1:2):

“Meaningless! Meaningless!”  
says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!  
Everything is meaningless.”

Here Solomon tells us that everything seems to be fleeting, so temporary. Are you surprised then that verses 9-14 tell you that it is not?

6. Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 gives a very negative picture of old age. What are some positives about growing older? Why do you think they were not mentioned here?

7. How does verse 14 emphasise that everything matters in our fleeting lives?

8. Put verse 13 in your own words. How do you understand what is meant by the phrase, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of mankind"? What thoughts or questions does this produce in your mind?

9. How does this passage challenge the thinking of our city? In other words, why does our city need to hear the message of Ecclesiastes 12:1-14? How might it serve as a wake-up call?

10. What is the one thing you want to take away from this study of the book of Ecclesiastes to remember?