

DIDN'T O SEE IT COMING

Emptiness

Opening Questions:

Growing up, what was something you always said you would buy or do as soon as you "made it" and had enough money?

Group Study:

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. Make note of any words or phrases that stand to you about this text and share them with the group.

Consider the way Solomon describes his emptiness in verse 11 even after all accomplishments. Can you think of a time in your life when you felt the same?

Read Matthew 6:19-34, and as you do-keep Solomon's words from Ecclesiastes in mind. Share your observations and any questions you might have about this text.

Focusing primarily on verses 10-24, what does Jesus have say to someone like Solomon?

What does Jesus name as the root cause or causes of Solomon's emptiness?

Read Psalm 145:13-16. What differences stand out to you between David's words here and Solomon's? Recalling what you know about these two men, what is a possible reason for this difference?

Focusing on the last part of our main teaching text, verses 25-34, how do David's words from Psalm 145 compare to Jesus' words?

What do you sense the Lord drawing your attention to most in these two texts?

Application:

In this week's sermon, Pastor Silverio noted that the worrying about food, drink, our bodies, and clothing is also something we often do when we are trying to "self-medicate" our emptiness. It is clear here that this kind of worrying is not Jesus' plan for our lives, Can you name some practical next steps that can help us to follow Jesus' in his word here?

Next Steps 2023

- What are some of your next steps in faith for 2023? Share any updates with your group.
- When you complete a next step, tell us about it using the QR code below.

Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, as we turn our eyes towards you, help us to also lay down our dependence on worldly comforts and the pursuit of what this world offers. We want to know you more as our Father and our friend. We want to learn to depend solely on your faithfulness. Help us, Lord.

Amen



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