

For Further Study:

“Pure Pleasure” by Gary Thomas

“Desiring God” by John Piper

“The Message” by Eugene Peterson

“In Pursuit of Happiness” by James Houston

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Eric Johns

“A Frustrated Philosopher”

Ecclesiastes 9

Small Group Questions:

1. Are you finding Ecclesiastes to be a book of gloom or joy?
2. How does Solomon console himself and counsel us with regard to the frustrations of life?
3. If Solomon knew of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, would his message be different? If so how?
4. As New Testament Christians, is this book relevant to us?
5. Why are we uncomfortable preaching a message of pleasure?
6. What are your favorite “Holy Pleasures”. How will you apply Pastor Eric’s urging to “Enjoy life this week”? What will you post on the church’s Facebook page?

1. Our life is in God’s hands (1)

2. Death is universal (2-6)

- a. Death comes for the righteous and for the wicked (2-3)
- b. We only live once (4-6)

3. Enjoy Life! (7-12)

- a. Life’s enjoyments are not guilty pleasures but godly pleasure (7-9)
- b. Life is unpredictable enjoy it while you can (10-12)