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**Fear God – Keep His Commands**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

1. Remember God - vv. 1-8

2. Listen to God - vv. 9-12

3. Fear God - vv. 13-14

4. Trust God - Mark 11:1-11

**ONE THING**

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# At Home Study Guide

For the week of April 2, 2023

*There is tension in this life between our expectations and reality. We seek what can satisfy us, but nothing in this world ever will. Solomon already went on this quest for us, and in Ecclesiastes, he provides wisdom from God. “[T]his is not the kind of book that we keep reading until we get the answer, but the kind of book that helps us know how to serve God when we do not have all the answers.” (Philip Ryken) Join us on this quest for the one who can truly satisfy.*

1. Chapter 12:1-8 is a beautiful poem and reminder from Solomon that life will end for everyone, so remember who gave you life while you are young. In what ways do you forget God when things are going well?

2. Reflect over the book, what words of delight and truth (11:9-10) do you remember from Ecclesiastes?

3. “Words and goads are tools to guide people on the right path, but their effect is not always pleasant. Any reader of [Solomon] knows this” (Fox). How has Solomon incited to reflect through this book?

4. The heart of every person should be the fear/reverence of God. It is the “very best and fullest way of being human.” In what ways do you fear God, and in what other ways do you not fear him?

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