

SUMMIT COMMUNITY GR:UPS

DATE: JULY 31ST, 2022

SPEAKER: GRANT BRUSCOE

SERIES: LADY WISDOM, THE

CYNIC, & THE SUFFERING SAINT

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

- Ecclesiastes 12v9-14
 - Mark 8v34-36
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ICE BREAKER:

1. Would you rather have the ability to speak to animals, or 10 foreign languages?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you recall growing up hearing any wise words or sayings, that actually turned out to be rather helpful or true as an adult?
2. Have you experienced the exhaustion that Pastor Grant described in striving or studying too much? What were the results of all your efforts?
3. Do you agree with the author of Ecclesiastes conclusion that the purpose of life is to fear God, and obey his commandments? Do you strive to find purpose elsewhere?
4. It is a commonly held belief that life is to be lived today, without consideration of eternity. How might eternity impact your own belief about the purpose of life?
5. Pastor Grant said that we all wrestle with various temptations to acquire meaning in life—knowledge, materialism, status, pleasure, work... What temptation do you find yourself contending with the most, grasping at to find purpose?
6. Read Mark 8v34-36; How does someone save their life, through losing it? Gain the whole world, yet lose their life? These ideas seem like contradictions, so what is Jesus saying to his disciples?
7. Being practical and specific, how can you enjoy life and simply be present this week?

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

1. Would you say the way you live your life is in alignment with your belief about the purpose of life?

2. What would it look like to change your posture from grasping and striving for meaning in life, to having open hands to receive God's gift of purpose?