

Growth Group Questions

8th Sunday after Pentecost, August 3, 2025

Introduction

We know life is more than what we see and own—but how often do we act like this world is all there is? Share some personal examples of when you've felt the "meaninglessness" described in Ecclesiastes. What helped bring you back to the joy and purpose found in Christ?

Into the Word – Ecclesiastes 1:1–2, 12–14; 2:18–26

Solomon had more wealth and wisdom than anyone before him—yet he called it all “meaningless.”

Why does Solomon say that all his work and toil is “meaningless” in the end? What parts of modern life echo his thoughts?

What does verse 24 say is “from the hand of God”? Why is that an important corrective to both greed and despair?

How does knowing that God “gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness” help us in our own daily work and responsibilities?

Into the Word – Colossians 3:1–11

Paul calls Christians to “set your hearts and minds on things above.”

What does it look like to “set your mind on things above” in practical, daily terms? What distracts you from this?

In verses 5–10, Paul describes things we are to “put to death” and “take off.” Why must we be ruthless with these sins?

Verse 11 ends this section with a reminder of unity in Christ. How might this verse encourage believers of different backgrounds and pasts to walk together in the new life of Christ?

Into the Word – Luke 12:13–21

Jesus tells a parable in response to a man's demand for money.

What does Jesus warn against in verse 15? Why is this warning so relevant today?

How would you describe the rich man's mindset in the parable? What did he leave out of his plans?

Jesus calls the rich man a fool. According to this parable, what does it mean to be "rich toward God"?

How might this text shape the way we think about retirement, possessions, and long-term plans?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we live in a world chasing after temporary things. Keep our hearts focused on Christ, seated at your right hand. Help us to see our daily work and blessings as gifts from your hand, and give us the wisdom to live lives that are rich toward you. Amen.