

THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US TODAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Agape Thanksgiving All-Church Family Dinner

Sunday, November 24, 5pm at Element.
Join us for a family-style dinner. We ask
each family to make and bring a recipe
from our Menu - there are easy and
more advanced recipes to choose from.
Recipes will be available next week at
the Welcome Center.

Holiday Store for Delta

Element will be hosting and providing
items and support for a free Holiday
Store for all students at Delta High
School. Donations and help needed.
See the Welcome Center for more
information.

Store open December 10-13th.
Donations needed by December 8th.
Volunteers needed the week of.

Gospel Community (GC)

GC's are our primary organizing struc-
ture here at Element. It's where we see
Disciple Making take place when we
orient our lives together, on and around
the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is where
we commit to grow as a disciple, disciple
others, and make disciples; to share our
lives so they are visible and accessible.


DISCIPLE: A disciple is one who
increasingly submits their life to the all-
empowering Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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Ecclesiastes

The Existential Hangover



Week 29: Day Dreaming Vapor

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

TODAY'S VERSES:

Ecclesiastes 11:4
Ecclesiastes 11:1-6
Luke 6:38

Nehemiah 8:10
John 3:8
Psalm 139:14

Job 5:9
Mark 4:14
Isaiah 55:10-11

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Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Wise people help those in need, but the larger concept that Solomon moves us toward today is the idea that we will never lack for excuses to not help one another (or to work in general). There will always be something we can point to that will give us a reason to not step into the things that we know we should be doing. Sometimes it is even tempting to wonder if anything we do for God really matters, for example, when we pray for a friend and they don't get better or we share the gospel and it doesn't seem like anyone believes. The Book of Ecclesiastes is now moving us to push beyond what we see, to trusting what God does with our faithfulness.

What does it look like to diligently work in the “fluid of God’s Grace?”

What limitations in life do you wrestle with?

Martin Luther once said, *“Be generous to everyone while you can, use your riches wherever you can possibly do any good.”*

In general, are you someone who is generous with others when you have plenty, or do you hoard?

Are you able to ask others for help when you need it?

If you are willing, ask the group if they see you in the same way as you just explained yourself.

Michael Eaton writes *“the wise man will invest everything he has in the life of faith.”* Rather than holding on to what we have, hoarding it all for ourselves, God invites us to invest everything for the kingdom of God. We should never stop investing with the Gospel in as many places as we can. This includes where we work (in ways that bless our employer), at our schools (in ways that bless those around us), and our families (how we bless those we love).

How can you be more prudent in your work?

In what ways are you investing in the Gospel?

How can you invest in the Gospel this week?

We are called NOT to hold back out of fear, but to step out in faith (not faith that our own efforts will succeed, but faith that God will take what you offer

and use it in some way for His glory). We don't get to be a people who use the difficulties of life as an excuse for not doing anything.

Read Ecclesiastes 11:1-6.

There are mysteries to what God does that we will never comprehend this side of eternity.

What made the Son of God willing to suffer and to die for our sins?

Why did God choose us, of all people, to believe in Jesus and to receive life in his name?

How do you respond to Aaron’s statement: “there are no guarantees under the sun, except the Grace of God?”

There are moments in life where we spend so much time saying, “I’ll wait till the time is right to tell them about Jesus...” but that moment for us never comes because we never “feel right.” For Jesus, it was not just words that He planted, but His very own life when He died on that cross for what separates us from relationship with God and life. The harvest in the Bible is His saving work of forgiveness and eternal life for everyone who believes in Him.

What is the most important thing you are sowing in life? If you said ‘God’s Word,’ do you really believe that?

What ways have others sowed God’s Word into your life?

What does it look like to sow God’s living Word into someone’s life (including your own)?

We do not always know what God will do with what we sow, but we trust Him with it.

Do you love God enough to honor Him with what God has given you in life?

Do you view your Salvation as a mystery of God? If not, can you describe how you view it (is it a right you deserve, boring, not a big deal?)

If you don’t yet believe in Jesus’ saving work for your life, can you express what is holding you back from believing?

Spend some time thanking God for those who sowed His Word in your life, and for the Holy Spirit revealing true mysteries of His work to you. Ask God to help you have confidence as you sow into other’s lives.