





WEEKLY GROUP GUIDE

	Scripture:	Ecclesiastes 11:1–12:8
	Week of:	April 27, 2026
	Message Title:	Truly Live Now
	Speaker:	Ps. Lenard Tavernelli

1. ICEBREAKER (5–10 MINS)

What is one decision, opportunity, or step in your life that you delayed for too long?

Looking back, what were you really waiting for?

2. READ TOGETHER

*Have someone from your group read aloud **ECCLESIASTES 11:01–12:08**.*

Ask: As you listen, notice the urgency in the passage. Where do you feel the weight of “now” in this text?

3. Group Discussion (30–40 mins)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *(Use the most helpful questions for your group.)*

- 1.** Pastor Lenard emphasized that many of us delay action because we are waiting for the “right time” or better circumstances. Where in your life are you currently waiting instead of acting? What is keeping you from taking that step now?
- 2.** Ecclesiastes 11:1–6 calls us to venture boldly in wise faith. What obedience, generosity, commitment, or step of faith are you postponing because the circumstances are not ideal?
- 3.** Verse 2 reminds us that disaster may happen on earth. How do you usually respond to uncertainty: by wise preparation, anxious control, avoidance, or passivity?

4. The sermon warned against waiting for perfect conditions. What “wind” or “clouds” are you watching right now that have become an excuse for inaction?
5. Ecclesiastes 11:5 says we do not know the work of God. Where are you demanding more certainty from God before you will trust and obey Him?
6. Ecclesiastes 11:7–10 calls us to rejoice, but also remember judgment. Where are you tempted either to enjoy God’s gifts without responsibility, or to be so cautious that you fail to enjoy them at all?
7. The sermon especially addressed younger people. If you are younger, what are you most tempted to waste your youth on? If you are older, what do you wish you had understood earlier about joy, risk, and remembering God?
8. Ecclesiastes 12:1 says, “Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth.” Where have you functionally forgotten God, not by denying Him, but by leaving Him out of your decisions, desires, plans, or fears?
9. How does Ecclesiastes 11:1–12:8 connect to our mission to *“Proclaim the truth of Jesus and grow mature disciples for the glory of God”*?

This passage helps us proclaim the truth of Jesus by exposing the emptiness of trying to find lasting meaning in life under the sun apart from God. It calls people to remember their Creator before it is too late and points us to Christ, who gives abundant life now and eternal life forever. Mature disciples are formed as they learn to live by faith, rejoice responsibly, take wise risks for God’s kingdom, and acknowledge God in every season of life.

10. How does this passage reshape our core values as a church?
 - **Worship:** We worship our Creator, who gives life and every good gift.
 - **Bible Knowledge:** Scripture teaches us how to live wisely before life passes by.
 - **Fellowship:** We encourage one another to live faithfully now, not later.
 - **Prayer:** We ask God for courage, wisdom, and joy in every season.
 - **Service:** We use our strength and opportunities while God gives them.

- **Giving:** We venture boldly and generously, trusting God's providential care.
- **Evangelism:** We call people to remember their Creator and find abundant life in Christ.
- **Missions:** We take wise risks for the gospel because life is brief and Christ is worthy.

4. Prayer (10–15 mins)

Thank God for the gift of life, confess where we delay obedience, and ask Him to help us truly live now in faith and joy.

Prompt:

Father, thank You for giving us life and every good gift. Forgive us for the ways we delay obedience, wait for perfect circumstances, or live as though we have endless time. Teach us to number our days and to remember You in every season of life. Help us to venture boldly in wise faith, rejoice responsibly in what You give, and acknowledge You in all our ways. Make us a church that truly lives now for the glory of Christ and the good of others. In Jesus' name, amen.