

FUSION Q's... The Meaning of Life Part 4: **Waiting for the World to Change**

Discussion Starter...

Would you rather look stupid or be stupid? Explain yourself, fool!

Q We've been talking about the meaning of life now for 4 weeks, and for the most part we have focused on the meaninglessness of life "under the sun" or without God. What do you think about Solomon's wisdom about the meaninglessness of life?

Q Does knowing that life on this earth without God is meaningless change the way you want live your life? How?

Q What would you say is the greatest hindrance in your life regarding giving your life to Jesus and following him?

Q Solomon says that life all boils down to fearing God and obeying his commands. What does this mean? What would this look like in your life?

Q Read the 2 passages below. How do they compare to Solomon's final statements? What do you think Jesus would say is the meaning of life?

Q What are you going to do differently in your life now that you know the difference between what is meaningless and what is meaningful and what will not satisfy you and what will?

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (p.398)

¹³ That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. ¹⁴ God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

Bible Passages

Matthew 22:34-39 (p.593)

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

³⁷ Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

John 15:9-17 (p.649)

⁹ "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶ You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.