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# What matters most

*Ecclesiastes 12:9-14*

### 12 THE TEACHER'S OBJECTIVES AND CONCLUSION

...<sup>9</sup>In addition to the Teacher being a wise man, he constantly taught the people knowledge; he weighed, explored, and arranged many proverbs. <sup>10</sup>The Teacher sought to find delightful sayings and write words of truth accurately. <sup>11</sup>The sayings of the wise are like cattle prods, and those from masters of collections are like firmly embedded nails. The sayings are given by one Shepherd.

<sup>12</sup>But beyond these, my son, be warned: there is no end to the making of many books, and much study wearies the body. <sup>13</sup>When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is this: fear God and keep his commands, because this is for all humanity. <sup>14</sup>For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil.



# Life Group Discussion Guide

## Lean In

What's a "rule" or practice in your life that has actually brought freedom rather than restriction? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Look Down

What does it mean to "fear God," based on how Ecclesiastes has described God throughout the book? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Look Out

Where do we see people exhausted from chasing meaning without clear boundaries?

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## Look In

What daily habits could help us remember who God is and how He is in control when life feels complex? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Family Discussion Questions

## Questions for Kids

What is one way your family can encourage each other to live for God this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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How can you make God's Word a part of your life today?

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## Questions for Youth

What does it mean to "fear God and keep His commandments"? \_\_\_\_\_

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How can you live like this is your mission every day?

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Daily Devotion



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