$\label{eq:Fear God and keep His commandments.}$

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

•: To fear God means to and	l
God as God in our lives.	
: To fear God means to God as and of everything in our lives.	;
•: To fear God means to humbly,, and God and everything He says.	
To fear God and keep His commandments means to	
the Shepherd wherever He leads.	
Fear God and keep His commandments. HOW DO WE DO IT?	
1. Take an honest	
2. Humbly and	
3. Build or renew spiritual and	

NEXT WEEK: Reel Grace Gospel Shadows in Little Women



The End of the Matter

Ecclesiastes 12:8-14 Sunday, August 30, 2020

Today we wrap up our summer study of Ecclesiastes. The Preacher concludes his wild wide and the author jumps in to have the last word, the bottom line and the big takeaway of the book: Fear God and Keep His Commandments!

he bottom line and the big takeaway of the book: Fear God and Keep His Commandments!
Fear God and keep His commandments. WHY?
1. Because life under the sun is
2. Because God is the
3. Because God, the One Shepherd, has spoken
into the hevel smoke of life under the sun.
• words
• words
• words
• words

4. Because God will bring every deed into _



The End of the Matter Ecclesiastes 12:8-14

Sunday, August 30, 2020 Growth Group Interaction Guide

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together; the way we find and follow Jesus together. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our groups are meeting both live and virtually.

If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, please contact any one of our campus pastors or go to **gracecentralcoast.org/groups**.

CONNECT (ask these questions to check-in with your group)

We talk this week in the message about spiritual rhythms and practices that help keep God first in our lives. What is one spiritual rhythm and practice that has helped you do that?

DISCUSS (use some of these questions to process God's word)

- 1. Read Ecclesiastes 12:8-14 together as you gather in your Growth Group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you? What did you learn or what were you reminded of in this study?
- 2. We're living in an Ecclesiastes world these days where things are foggy, smokey, and perplexing. Do you feel that? How are you processing these strange, unsettling days?
- 3. According to this text, who is the author of Ecclesiastes? (Be careful!)
- 4. As a group take 5 minutes of quiet for personal reflection and personal inventory. Afterward, share one thing you need to do LESS

of and one thing you need to MORE of to put and keep God first in your life.

- 5. Your Growth Group as a Family: Keeping God first in our lives is a community project. How is your group helping one another to do that? What do YOU need more from your group in this regard?
- 6. Your Growth Group as Servants and Missionaries: How is putting God first in our lives (fearing Him and keeping His commandments) in itself missional? How should it lead us to help people find and follow Jesus?

PRAY (use these prompts to start your prayer time together)

- Pray for a reprioritization of your life as you head into the fall.
- Pray for one another about those things shared in question 4.
- Pray for the elimination of Covid and those suffering because of it.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.

WRITE (use this space to write notes, prayer requests, etc.)	
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