

Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. We did not meet on January 11, 2022; therefore, this newsletter captures topics discussed during our January 18, 2022, meeting. This newsletter seeks to capture some, but not all, key points from our evening together, with like topics being conveniently grouped together. We hope you are blessed as you join us on our journey.

Declaration of Faith: We will gain emotional wellness and strength for the Promised Land by believing, receiving, and obeying the truth of God's Word when it comes to deliverance from bondage, deliverance through sanctification, and deliverance from bitterness and doubt.

OPENING

We opened with the song, "Know You Will" (Official Video) – UNITED. We then addressed a few administrative details before engaging in a time of personal ministry that allowed us to connect the concepts of Ecclesiastes chapter 1 to our everyday lives.

DISCUSSION

Opportunities for growth occur when events, especially those that are unpleasant, happen in our lives. During those unpleasant times, we can experience joy and pain at the same time.

Things that really matter aren't always apparent. We can get so caught up in focusing on the "principle of the thing," we create fractured relationships that cause us to not understand what or who is important until the end of life. For example, we can be in conflict with someone, not realizing that conflict may be the last experience we have with them. Life is fleeting, and when we're not mindful of that, we can end up living with regret when our loved ones pass from this life.

We saw the **correlation between knowledge and grief**. The more we know, the more our eyes are opened to things around us. The more we look outward, the more we grieve when we see others

Upcoming Events

February 15

Social

March 1

Night of Prayer

March 8

Vision Check

Current Vision

Revive! Restore. Refresh.
Renew – Emotional wellness
in the wilderness and
strength for the Promised
Land.

Scripture(s)

Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 43:19

Additional Verses: Romans 8:15, Romans 6:4, 2 Timothy 2:15, Ephesians 4:23, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 12:14-15, James 1:5-6, and John 6:29

Inspirational Song(s)

"On Our Way" by MercyMe
feat. Sam Wesley

"Revive" by WorshipMob

Current Study:

Ecclesiastes

hurting. The more we understand the heart of God, the more we grieve when we see things that don't align with our understanding of His will.

Solomon's wisdom did not prevent him from living foolishly. He asked God for wisdom to govern Israel (1 Kings 3:9), and God gave him that wisdom. However, that did not stop Solomon from setting his **mind**, not his heart, to know things, nor did he appear to ask God any questions; instead, he sought to find answers on his own.

"For who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct him?" (1 Corinthians 2:16). This verse gave us reason to ponder how little we truly do understand. Because we can't see the big picture that God sees, our understanding is a drop in the bucket. When we acknowledge we won't understand, it launches us into another level of freedom, so we can stop going around in circles trying to comprehend things our minds are not meant to comprehend.

There's really nothing new under the sun. For instance, even though we've not experienced a global pandemic called COVID before, others have experienced plagues and other diseases. In essence, a plague is a plague no matter the name!

We asked ourselves, *"What can we take away from Solomon's discourse on everything being futile and the limitations of wisdom?"* To answer our question, we reflected on how those dealing with chronic pain reach a place of understanding that the things in this world really are meaningless. Dreams. Cars. Careers. Money. Houses. None of it is going to last, and we surely can't take any of that with us!

The only thing that has eternal value is what we do for God. When we change our perspective and shift our priorities, we can then chase the things that matter WHILE living under the sun, yet not taking stock in those things happening under the sun.

Living a life before others that glorifies God matters. Jesus came by Himself. He went to the Cross by Himself, but He brought us with Him when He went to heaven. That's how we're seated in heavenly places. Likewise, it's possible we take souls that are saved through our witness with us. Those souls are the increase! They are the fruit!



Homework

Ecclesiastes 2

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 @ 7:00pm.

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Psalm 90:12 is a request for God to teach us to **number our days so we might have a heart of wisdom**. Being more mindful of our limited time on earth can help us cultivate an eternal mindset.

We can't change the past, but we can **learn from it and do something different** going forward.

There's a difference between **leaving a legacy or leaving an inheritance** for those in our sphere of influence. When our children grow up to do what they saw us do in our walk with the Lord, such as our praise and worship in times of trial, we have left an inheritance. As for the material things we leave behind, who can say how others will manage that. Therefore, a **generational impartation** is an inheritance we leave that's more important than leaving "things."

Everything under the sun truly is futile and worldly wisdom is vanity ... empty! Moreover, worldly wisdom will lead us astray! It will cause us to think we're so smart, yet we're confidently going down the wrong path because WE think it's the right one!

Solomon wanted to know about madness and folly AND wisdom and knowledge. Understanding madness and folly can lead to our making a course correction, but too much madness and folly can be destructive. On the flip side, there's more clarity in hindsight, so by asking ourselves why we did or thought something, we can gain wisdom and knowledge through the practice of self-reflection.

Some highlights from our takeaways

Everything **"under the sun"** may be futile, but it's not futile when it's **"under the Son!"** Moreover, lessons learned under the sun can help us grow closer to the Son!

Chasing after things and people is wearisome but chasing after God is not! After all, we **can't take things** with us, but we **can take people**!

Generations come and go. Ecclesiastes 1:11 reminds us that, even in our generation, there are people some children will never remember, because they were too young!

RESOURCES

Links to the Song(s) from this meeting:

"Know You Will" (Official Video) - UNITED (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOpdRYEs6zg>)

"3 Hour Peaceful & Relaxation Music | Christian Meditation Music | Holy Spirit | Time Alone With God" – DappyT Keys Piano Worship (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oBpV1t_qcc)

CLOSING

We collected our **prayer requests** for the evening and then closed in prayer.