Meeting Newsletter, January 25, 2022

Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our January 25, 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, "Hills and Valleys" – Tauren Wells (Official Lyric Video). We then opened our meeting in prayer before beginning our discussion on Ecclesiastes Chapter 2.

DISCUSSION

The overall theme of this chapter is how focused Solomon is on self. In **v4** alone he referenced himself using "I" or "myself" 7 times. It was astounding how self-focused he was in these verses! Yet are we truly any better?

In v9, he says "his wisdom," but, it was God's wisdom, because that's who gave it to Solomon. So, we asked ourselves, "How often do we claim as 'ours' that which is truly God's?" Since Solomon's wisdom remained, this reminded us that God's gifts are irrevocable (Ro. 11:29), but we are in control of what we do with them.

Solomon asked for wisdom to govern, but we couldn't tell what he was doing for Israel amid what he was doing for himself, especially since people are listed as one of the many things he acquired.

In v10, we concluded Solomon might have been saying the reward for his labor was not denying himself.



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:

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We connected v10 to the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life; these are the things of the world listed in 1 John 2:16, which reminded us of Nebuchadnezzar (Da. 4:34-37); he was a Babylonian king who exalted himself but God humbled. This caused us to wonder about the different outcomes for Nebuchadnezzar and Solomon. We noted Solomon was an Israelite under God's covenant, but Nebuchadnezzar was not.

In v11, we saw the correlation between how Solomon was amassing things and the "American Dream." I shared how it helped me to reframe my purpose from what I do to what I am passionate about, because what the world considers trivial, God considers to be valuable. This led us to 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, which basically tells us to live a simple life.

We appreciated that he found **an advantage to wisdom over folly in v13. However**, as he also noted in **v15**, despite his wisdom, death will happen to him just as it would happen to the fool.

A time of personal ministry

We spent the rest of the evening in personal ministry and prayer for one of our sisters, which is how we closed out our evening. During the final portion of our prayer, we listened to Jireh, Holy Spirit Come Fill This Place, and DappyT Keys Worship.

RESOURCES

Links to the Song(s) from this meeting:

Tauren Wells - Hills and Valleys (Official Lyric Video) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iDuZv 5MQk)

Jireh | Elevation Worship & Maverick City (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mC-zw0zCCtg)

Holy Spirit Come and Fill this Place (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqU 32v0R I)

"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 acc)



Homework

Ecclesiastes 3

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 7:00pm.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about information contained in this document, please email us at www2@wow2women.com or complete a Contact Form on our website.

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