

Discussion Guide

"The End of the Chase"
Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter If you could go back and relive one day, one season, or one moment in your life, what would it be, and why? Would you do anything differently, or would you simply enjoy it all over again?

Sermon Summary

What does it mean to live a life that truly matters? At the end of Ecclesiastes, Solomon reminds us to live life to the fullest but to live surrendered—to enjoy the life God has given us, make the most of every opportunity, and live each day in awe of Him. Because this life is only a vapor, let's live with purpose and peace, with our hope in Jesus and our eyes fixed on eternity.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God's teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an **"A"** to remind you to take action.
C (Contemplate): Use a **"C"** to mark ideas you want to process further.
T (Transfer/Teach): If it's something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a **"T."**

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God's character? (Read some or all verses together.)

Ecclesiastes 11:7–10	Ecclesiastes 12:1–7	Genesis 8:1	Psalm 37:4
Ecclesiastes 12:13–14	Ecclesiastes 3:1	Psalm 90:12	Psalm 147:11
Proverbs 9:10	1 Corinthians 15:17–20	John 14:15	Romans 1:17
Philippians 4:6–7	Ephesians 5:15–16	John 15:4–5	

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There's no need to discuss every question.

1. Solomon reminds us to enjoy the life God has given us. What are some simple things in your everyday life that bring you joy? How intentional are you about recognizing and enjoying them?
2. Pastor Daniel emphasized that gratitude can change our perspectives, even in difficult circumstances. How has gratitude helped you navigate a challenging season or shift your outlook?

3. Pastor Daniel said, “You were instructed to be faithful,” not to strive to be fruitful. What is the difference between pursuing fruitfulness and remaining faithful to God? How might that change the way you approach your relationship with Him?
4. What does it look like to live with an appropriate awe and reverence for God? How does growing in love and devotion to Him change the way you obey Him?
5. How does keeping your eyes on eternity change the way you approach the opportunities, relationships, and challenges you face today?

Go Deeper

1. Study Exodus 33:12–23 (Moses asks God to teach us to live wisely). How does prioritizing God’s presence change the way you define a successful or meaningful life?
2. Study Mark 10:17–27 (Jesus and the rich young ruler). Is there anything you find difficult to surrender to God? What might be keeping you from trusting Him fully?
3. Study Ephesians 3:14–19 (knowing God’s love for you). What would it look like to truly grasp how deeply you are loved by Christ and live out of that assurance every day?
4. Study Philippians 3:7–14 (Paul’s perspective on eternity). What competing priorities might be distracting you from knowing Christ more deeply?

Apply

1. Each day this week, identify three things you’re thankful for. When challenges arise, intentionally look for evidence of God’s goodness.
2. Set aside intentional time each day to read Scripture, pray, and grow in your relationship with Him. Focus on being faithful rather than striving to produce results. Ask God daily to reveal His love for you.
3. Is there someone you need to encourage, forgive, serve, or share your faith with? Don’t wait for a more convenient time. Respond to the opportunity God has placed before you.
4. Evaluate how you’re spending your time, energy, and resources. Consider what matters most in light of eternity and make adjustments where needed.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to help you recognize His goodness in every season and choose joy even when circumstances are difficult.
2. Pray for a revelation of God’s love for you so that you can have a deeper love for Jesus and a desire to remain connected to Him, trusting Him to produce lasting fruit through your life.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware of the divine moments and opportunities God places before you and give you the courage to respond.
4. Pray for a renewed awe and reverence for God. Ask Him to help you surrender your plans, priorities, and desires as you live with your eyes fixed on eternity.

Leadership Tip

As you lead the discussion, give everyone an opportunity to identify one specific thing they’ve been putting off that God may be prompting them to do now. Encourage them to share it with the group and pray together for the courage and faith to follow through. Consider checking in with one another during the week to encourage accountability. Remind the group that the goal isn’t to accomplish more, but to live more faithfully and intentionally with the time God has given us.