

MESSAGE NOTES | AUGUST 1



finding meaning

Don't Waste Your Life

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Ecclesiastes 12, p. 467

Today we draw conclusions about the meaning of life.
We begin with four simple commands:

1. Remember the **One who made you**. ([Ecclesiastes 12:1-8](#))
2. Follow the **one Shepherd**. ([Ecclesiastes 12:9-12](#))
3. Fear the **only God**. ([Ecclesiastes 12:13-14](#))
4. **Obey** the word of the Lord. ([Ecclesiastes 12:13-14](#))

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize [Ecclesiastes 12:13](#) & [Proverbs 1:7](#) & [9:10](#).
- You are standing at the crossroads of life.
- Read the book of Proverbs this August.
- Believer's Baptism – here August 29.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
2. Read **PROVERBS 1:20-33** together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?
(Share a specific: "I will...")
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?
*(Name a specific person you plan to **share with**.)*

If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org

THE **ONE THING:** *[It is a meaningless waste of life, to leave God out.](#)*