

The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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“Wake-up Call” (part 1)

Do you remember when going to the airport was fun?

Background

Worldly \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccles 1:13)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccles 2:1-2)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccles 2:3)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccles 2:4-6)
4. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccles 2:7-8a; 2 Chronicles 9:13-28)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Eccles 2:8b; 1 Kings 11:1-3)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mission (Eccles 2:10)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mission (Eccles 2:11)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ View of the Mission (Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

New Testament Warning:

“<sup>15</sup> Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. <sup>16</sup> For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. <sup>17</sup> And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.” (1 John 2:15-17 NLT)

## Discussion Questions

1. What kinds of losses have you experienced during this COVID ordeal? Now read about the losses incurred by Paul in Philippians 3:7-9. Which of your losses can you say the same thing as Paul did?
2. Which areas of your life, whether in the distant past, or in recent months, have you sought after or trusted in (similarly to Solomon), above your relationship with Christ? Think deeply and be honest. Have any of those things been taken away from you in some way? How do you view those things now?
3. Same question as #2 but in different form. What things in your life have you pursued that did not end up providing what you expected? In other words, are there things in your life that you, like Solomon, expected to gain some lasting value, but ended up seeing how worthless that pursuit really was?
4. Read Genesis 3:1-6. What was Eve deceived about? If the Serpent were to deceive you in a similar manner, in what area of your life would he most likely make his attack?
5. A number of Solomon's pursuits were not simply unwise but were direct violations of God's Word. Can you think of anything in your life, in the past or in the present which fits this category?
6. Read 1 John 2:15-17. What do you think it means to live in the world in such a way that one does not "love the world?"
7. What things will and should be different in your life because of things the Lord has brought you through and taught you since COVID began?
8. Read Matthew 4:8-10. How does the Devil's temptation and Jesus' response to it relate to the message from today?

**Fill-Ins:** Mission; 1 Pleasure and Laughter; 2 Drugs and Alcohol; 3 Work and Projects; 4 Money, Possessions and Power; 5 Entertainment and Lust; 6 Scope; 7 Accomplishments; 8 God's