



## INTRODUCTION

As Qoheleth nears the close of his book, he speaks specifically to young people, exhorting them to rejoice in the life given them, to remove anxiety from their heart, and to remember their creator before the ravages of age arrive.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

## REVIEW

- Why does he tell youth to follow their hearts (11:9)?
- What is vexation and why should we remove it from our lives (11:10)?
- What strikes you in his description of aging in 12:2-7?
- Explain his conclusion in 12:8.

## APPLICATION

- What are some reasons you think we prize youth in our culture? Why is that good, and why might it be bad as well?
- What are some practical ways you can enjoy life as God intended?
- Do you feel anxiety in our culture is a growing problem? How can we overcome anxiety?
- What are some practical ways you can remember your Creator in your youth?
- What are sometimes in our lives when death confronts us? How might those experiences be helpful?
- What are some major decisions we make in our youth that may have long-term negative consequences if we fail to make godly ones?
- What do the devastating effects of aging tell us about the human condition?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?

