

I CAN'T GET NO SATISFACTION

Hebrew writers would often use many different forms of literary forms, particularly in their poetry. One form is called a "chiasm structure," which includes a pattern, akin to a boomerang, with thoughts and motifs going out to a main point, and returning on a type of parallel or symmetrical pattern.

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| A ¹ ...People Who Can't be Satisfied (5.8-12) | Instruction/Four Proverbs |
| B ¹ ...People Who Can't Enjoy (5.13-17) | Anecdote |
| C ¹ ...What is Seen to be Good (5.18, 19) | Reflection |
| D...Enjoy the Moment (5.20) | Conclusion |
| C ² ...What is Seen to be Evil (6.1, 2) | Reflection |
| B ² ...People Who Can't Enjoy (6.3-6) | Anecdote |
| A ² ...People Who Can't be Satisfied (6.7-9) | Two Proverbs |

Proverbs 27.20 // Proverbs 23.4, 5

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE VANITY

The Preacher observes that it is a tragedy when someone goes through life unable to enjoy what God has given. The person who has received from God, but either is never thankful or is bitter about what has been withheld or taken is living a tragic existence. He seems to quote Job, who said, "naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return" (**Job 1.21**). But Job continues and says, "the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord."

THE CONCLUSION

Knowing that chasing wealth and not being content in life will not bring us satisfaction, he concludes from verse 18 and culminating in verse 20 that the person who receives with gladness from God and learns to enjoy and trust what has been given (and what has *not* been given) is a man who will have a short memory, forgetting what is behind and enjoying the day that the Lord has currently made for him.

Philippians 4.11, 12 // 1 Timothy 6.6-10 // Hebrews 12.28, 29
Matthew 6.24, 33 // Luke 12.15 // John 6.27



This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 4:20-21

No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Ecclesiastes 5.8-6.9**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Though the Gospel isn't explicitly mentioned here, how do the truths that are revealed in this text highlight the Good News and bring us reminders of the truth?

Repent and Ask for Provision

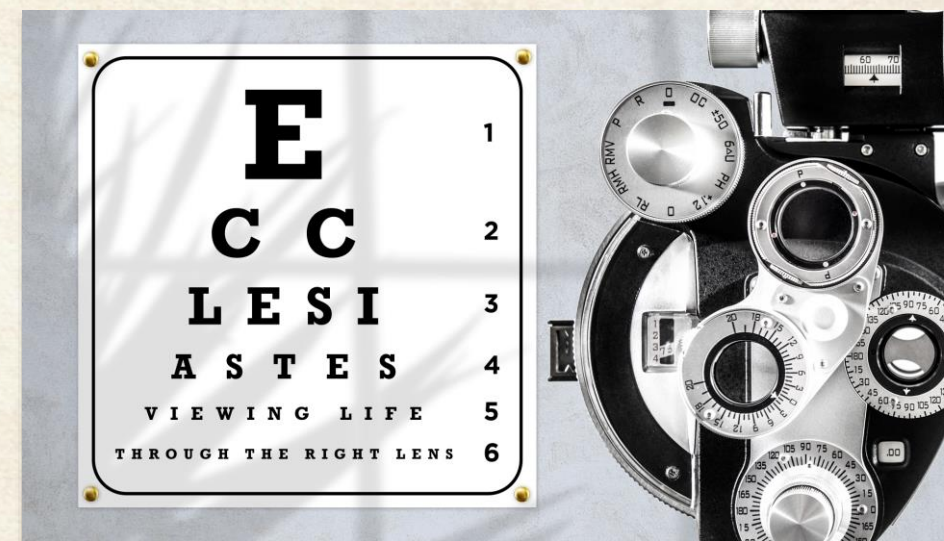
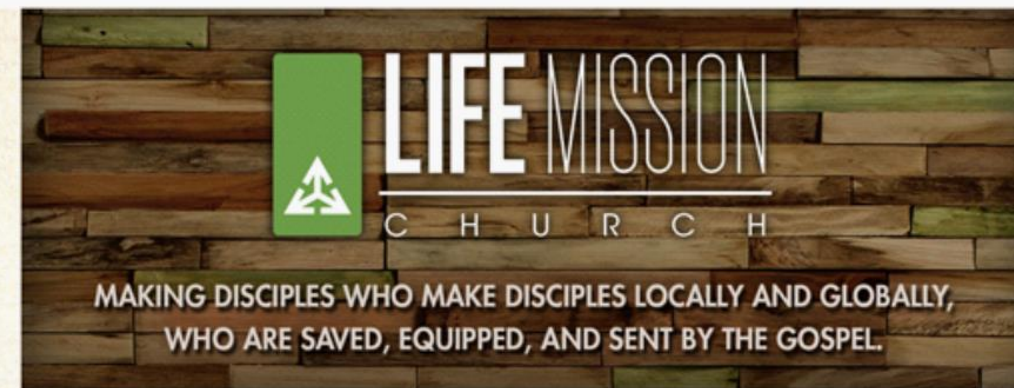
It is easy for us to live in the "If Only" mentality, and the "What If's." But hanging on to the past, regrets, and even injustices will never set us free. Nor will having "just a little more" of any given blessing. What areas of life have you not been enjoying, grateful for, or seeking to trust God in? What can you do to fight that bitterness or ungratefulness?

Your Life Mission

God has given you exactly what you have right now. None of us know the future, but when we live in the past or in our "preferred future," we rob ourselves of the present joys and graces that God gives us. Beyond that, He gives us our present life and circumstances for the purpose of bringing Him glory and joy to others.

What opportunities or conversations or social settings with non-believers are on the horizon or in your calendar that you could use prayer for, that God has allowed you to cross paths with? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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Ecclesiastes 5.8-6.9 // June 9, 2019

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