

“Let Your Heart Cheer”
Sermon Outline

Enjoy every sweet moment of life (11:7-8a)

* Three reminders...

(1) The clock is ticking (11:8b)

(2) You will give an account (11:9-10)

(3) You life is on loan (12:1-7)

Community Group Study Questions

1. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:16 that “Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.” What are ways that your outer self (i.e. the body) has been aging, breaking down, and struggling?

2. Knowing the Preacher: Do you think he’s young or old? Why so?

3. Make some observations about the passage:
 - (a) What ideas are repeated? What is being communicated by these repetitions?
 - (b) What images, illustrations, or metaphors does the Preacher use? What does he mean by them?

4. What is the meaning of this passage:
 - (a) What is the Preacher’s main idea? What theme does he focus on?
 - (b) What does the Preacher exhort you to believe, desire or do?
 - (c) What does the passage teach you about God? How are you to live in relationship with him?

5. What other Bible passages talk about youth? aging? and death?

6. Apply the text:
 - (a) How does the Preacher encourage you to live in light of the coming “days of darkness”?
 - (b) Confession: When have you grumbled and been ungrateful in the past week? When have you not acknowledged your Creator and his good gifts in your life? When have you been bitter and cynical?
 - (c) What would it look like to have increased joy this coming week?
 - (d) What does this passage lead you to pray about?
 - (e) Think of your list of five - what truth in this text would be important for them to know about? How could you share it with them?