No More Excuses

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Read Chapter 6 – *No More Going Through the Motions*

1. Why are some people generally willing to put in only what is required and nothing more?

Why are some willing to hide behind the routineness of life? What are the dangers?

What is purpose and why does purpose matter?

What are things we pursue that we hope will bring us purpose?

What does purpose require of us?

1. How do we break out of the “same old, same old” routine disease?

Why is there greater concern for the person who is content living stuck?

1. How does the book of Ecclesiastes resonate with us?
2. Read and discuss Ecclesiastes 1:2-11.

How is it that a man who has everything conclude that it’s all vanity?

1. How do we answer the author’s question: “Who is the me I gotta be?”
2. From Ecclesiastes 2, discuss the things Solomon pursued and why he found them to be unfulfilling for a life on purpose. How had each failed him?

The search for pleasure:

The search for wisdom:

The search for work:

What was Solomon’s “I” problem?

1. According to Ecclesiastes 3, what has God put within each of us?
2. Discuss this quote: “God has made it so that the only way a man can find the answer to the eternal question in his heart is by looking into eternity.”

Why is that the place we should look for purpose?

1. What does the author mean when he writes “only as we view life as the gift of God do we begin to find purpose? Only as we live in time from the perspective of eternity do we find life’s meaning?” Discuss that in light of John 10:10.
2. According to the author, what is the purpose of life? Discuss.

How does Ecclesiastes 12:13 answer that question?

Where else in Scripture is that supported?

1. The question then becomes, who owns my life? The answer to that determines where you find your purpose. See James 4:13-15
2. Why does finding our purpose include a thankful heart?
3. What’s one thing you need to do so that there is no more going through the motions?

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