

Life Matters
Study in Ecclesiastes
9: 1-12

1. How often do you find yourself considering our “common destiny” (v.2)?
2. What emotions/thoughts accompany this topic for you?
3. After being confronted with death (of a loved one, going to a funeral, reading an obituary, etc.), how do your behavior, thoughts, actions change? Does the change last?
4. After considering death, Qoheleth encourages the reader to eat, drink and enjoy life. Does this encouragement seem biblical?
5. Where do you find the balance between enjoying life and living on mission?
6. Would you consider yourself more ascetic or indulgent?
7. What are the dangers of being ascetic? What are the dangers of being indulgent?
8. While asceticism is often linked to holiness, indulgence rarely is. Do you think Christians have a lack of appreciation for the gifts that God offers us?
9. Why do you think God mandates feasts in the Old Testament? In what ways is Heaven described throughout the Bible?
10. Where might you practice thoughtful/worshipful indulgence this week?