

SCC MEN'S SATURDAY AM BIBLE STUDY
July 11, 2026 7:30 AM – Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

Ecclesiastes 9 highlights the unsettling reality that death comes to all, making life's outcomes feel unpredictable and often unfair. Yet within that tension, the chapter urges wholehearted living, receiving daily joys, relationships, and work as gifts from God in a world where control is an illusion.

What's There? Searching the Scriptures

- A. Why do you think death is a common fear of many people? What are some ways people seek to avoid death?

- B. In verses 1-6 what contrasting groups did Solomon use to describe the equalizing effect of death?

- C. How does a right view of death lead to wisdom (see Psalm 90:12)?

- D. Based on verses 7-10, how does a recognition of death cause us to long for more than we see in the world?

- E. Can you share a time in your life or career where you did everything right, but it seemed "time and chance" (v. 11) completely disrupted the outcome? Should we look at things like this as "chance"?

- F. Where are you most tempted to exert control when life feels unpredictable? How can navigating this unpredictability actually drive us to rely more on God's sovereignty?
- G. In our current culture, we heavily equate authority and wisdom with wealth, titles, followers, or loudness. (see v. 13-16) Who are the "poor wise people" in our world today whose voices are often dismissed or drowned out?
- H. We live in an era dominated by high-volume opinions, social media outrage, and aggressive posturing. What does it look like practically to pursue and practice "quiet wisdom" (see v. 17-18) in your family, workplace, or online spaces, especially during times of conflict?

So What & What Now? - Applying the Scriptures

How have you seen a single poor decision or a moment of compromise undo years of wise living or dismantle a community's trust? What protective boundaries or accountability steps can we take to guard the "good" God is building in our lives?

How does the gospel give hope to those who see death as the ultimate end of life? Try to explain this in a few sentences.