

Children's Ministry

THIRD
FOURTH

October 18th || Ecclesiastes 6

Main Point: God is sovereign and good to us.

Read Ecclesiastes 6:1-12 and ask:

1. What happens to some men who earn nice things?
2. Does pleasure always follow possessions?
3. Is there an advantage to having much?
4. What causes the Preacher to not see meaning?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8 and ask:

1. How can we receive godliness?
2. What did you own when you were born?
3. What does a person own after they die?
4. What needs does God promise to supply?

What do you really own anyway?

Ask the kids what things their parents own, that they get to enjoy. Ask them about how much they think those things cost. (Some examples: average house in USA--\$191,000; ave new car--\$28,715; ave energy bill/year--\$1400). Can these kids afford these things themselves? How dependant are they upon their parents to provide? How dependant are the parents on God to provide?

For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. "I know every bird of the mountains, And everything that moves in the field is Mine. "If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains. Because God loves us, He will use (and is powerful enough to ensure it will happen) everything to help us know Him and grow more like Him!—Psalm 50:10-12

We do not give to God because He has need. He owns all things anyway! In the same way that our parents provide for us and allow us to enjoy all that they own, God allows us to enjoy all that He owns as well. We are rich because our Heavenly Father is rich!

The greatest riches that He has offered us is our salvation. When we receive godliness from Christ--through His sacrifice for us—what else could we want? What else do we really need?

- Ask the kids:
1. Is my relationship with Jesus the most important thing I have?
 2. What things keep me from enjoying Jesus?

Driving it home...



For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich—2 Corinthians 8:9

When Jesus laid down His life for us, He gave up all the riches of heaven. Yet, as He rose from the dead and allows us to join in the inheritance, we then can enjoy all the riches of heaven with Christ!