**Churches-In-Homes   Week Beginning 10/10/2021**

**Notices:**

1. **Please continue to pray that the infection rate will keep going down.**

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**New course:**  Meaningful living

**Title:** Above the sun

**Main text:**  Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Additional texts: 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 3:1-4, Galatians 2:20, John 14:15-17

**Main points for discussion and practical application**

In the main text, the ‘preacher/teacher’ establishes that he is describing lives “under the sun” – i.e., how life is when people are left to their own devices without reference to what the will of God is. Life is empty, depressing, and pointless “under the sun”

We can have meaningful lives, full of purpose peace and joy – but only if we do things according to the will of God, i.e., life from God’s perspective – “above the sun”. The preacher always refers to this being the fear of God. **Ecclesiastes 12:1 and 12:13-14**

For life and our current pursuits to make sense, one must have the perspective that is eternal – “above the sun” – God’s perspective. Everything we do will be judged by God – for reward if we do things according to the will of our Creator. Living with this perspective changes our everyday lives from “meaningless” to “purposeful and meaningful”.

For the rest of the course, we will be looking at aspects of life – establishing what it is like “under the sun” - empty and meaningless, and then finding out what the Bible teaches about handling that aspect of life from “above the sun” perspective, full of meaning, purpose and rewarding in this life and forever.