**Money is Meaningless without Jesus - Greater Than**

**Ecclesiastes 4:7-12, 5:10-6:12**

**5-29-22**

1. **You'll never have enough.**

Ecclesiastes 5:10 – *“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.”*

1. **You'll attract leeches.**

Ecclesiastes 5:11 – *“When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes?”*

1. **You'll not sleep well.**

Ecclesiastes 5:12 – *“Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.”*

1. **You'll hurt yourself.**

Ecclesiastes 5:13 – *“There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt…”*

1. **You'll never be truly secure.**

Ecclesiastes 5:14 – *“…and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.”*

1. **You'll leave it behind.**

Ecclesiastes 5:15-16 *– “As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?”*

1. **You'll be a miserable person.**

Ecclesiastes 5:17 – *“Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.”*

**Growing Deeper This Week**

1. When you read stories or watch movies about people who don’t have a lot but are extremely happy, how do you feel?
2. Why do we think being wealthy applies only to the people in tax brackets higher than ours?
3. Solomon warns both the lazy man and the workaholic. How can we strike a balance in our lives?
4. What are some things in your life you thought would make you happy if you got them, but the happiness didn’t last long?
5. In what ways do you have trouble “clocking out” when you leave work? What are some steps you should take to disengage from work and to rest better?
6. How can you fight against anxiety in the arena of money?
7. In what ways does contemplating death help you view money and possessions more biblically?
8. In what ways do meaningful relationships bring more joy than a lot of money and stuff?
9. Money can be a positive in the Bible. What are the ways we can view and use money rightly?
10. How does the gospel motivate us to be generous people?