

Living Certain in an Uncertain World

Ecclesiastes 11:1–6

The Preacher wants us to live life amid uncertainty.

- We neither cynically withdraw nor give ourselves over to overworking in an attempt to get all we can out of life.
- We enjoy the life we have been given.
- The invisible God becomes visible through the way His children live.

1. Invest: In Kingdom Work (1–2)

- “Do what you can, where you are, with what you have.”
- Invest (v. 1)
- Diversify (v. 2) — Don’t put all your eggs in one basket
- 1 Corinthians 9:19–23
- Ephesians 5:15–16

2. Resist: Don’t Become Paralyzed Because You Overanalyze (3–5)

- Inevitability (v. 3)
- Uncertainty (v. 4)
- Mystery (v. 5)
- Psalm 139 — “before there were any”
- Ecclesiastes 7:13–14; 3:14
- Mystery leads us to His mercy.
- We don’t have to understand all the uncertainty and mystery of life because we are walking with the One who holds both them—and us.

3. Persist: Trust God With the Outcome (6)

- 1 Corinthians 15:50–58
- Galatians 6:9

Small Group Discussion

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture and sermon on Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you still have?

2. Where might God be calling you to step out in faith rather than play it safe? How does Paul's example in 1 Corinthians 9:19–23 challenge the way you invest in people?
3. In what areas of your life are you tempted to wait for the "perfect conditions" before acting? How does trusting God's sovereignty free you from overanalyzing and move you toward obedience?
4. What does it look like practically to be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" while leaving the results to God (1 Corinthians 15:58)? How does the promise of future resurrection shape your perseverance when you feel weary?
5. How does the death and resurrection of Jesus transform the way you view work, sacrifice, and loss today? Where do you need to shift from living for this present kingdom to living for the eternal one to come?