

Life before death:  
Take God Seriously

Ecclesiastes 12

Life is difficult.  
*Ecclesiastes 12:1*

Take God seriously before time takes you out.

Remember Him now.  
*Ecclesiastes 12:3-5*

Remember Him before He reclaims you.  
*Ecclesiastes 12:6-7; Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:9-14;*

Take God seriously before you face Him.  
*Ecclesiastes 12:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10; Ecclesiastes 12:14;*  
*Revelation 20:11-15; Philippians 2:9-11*

Considerations for the week

**Remember, v. 1.** Here, to remember is more than just recalling facts. Explore the implications of this remembering – mental, physical, spiritual, pragmatic, intangible, etc.

**Life & water, v. 6.** Life is fragile. What do the images here communicate about its fragility?

**Dust, v. 7.** Recall the events of creation and the fall of man (Genesis 2-3), and comment upon how they resonate in the Teacher's mention of dust and spirit.

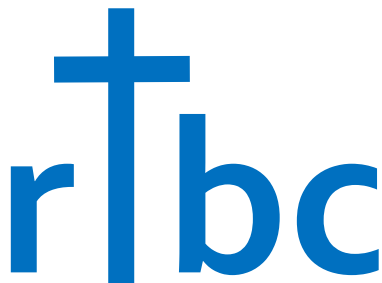
**Learning, v. 11-12.** This tells of many books and wearied study. Consider how this passage can help guide our approach to teaching and learning.

**Fear God, v. 13.** Explain what it means in context to fear God and how that is meant to play out in our lives.

In what ways does this passage dignify aging rather than diminish it? How might these verses speak to someone who is currently experiencing physical decline?

We are to remember our Creator in every stage of life. Each day this week, embrace a different way to remember your Creator in the stage of life where you find yourself now.

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*



The end of the matter; all has been heard.

Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is  
the whole duty of man. — Ecclesiastes 12:13, ESV

Scripture read today  
during worship:

Psalms 116:12  
2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at [prayer@rtbchurch.org](mailto:prayer@rtbchurch.org) to let us know how we may pray for you.

## Today's order of service

Prelude

Announcements

Call to worship

Hymn, *Washed*

Hymn, *He Leadeth Me*

Hymn, *What a Beautiful Name*

Offertory

Reading and prayer

Special music, *Meaningless*

Message

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of response, *How Great Thou Art*

Benediction

Postlude

## Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers.

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm  
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: Sausage (pork or chicken), mashed potatoes, veggies, salad, dessert

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm  
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am.  
Meets this week, February 8

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

**Family mission trip** McAllen, Texas, March 6-10. See Templegram or office for details. Sign up by February 20.

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Our website is at <https://rtbc.faith>

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online giving



**Clothing drive** benefitting Christian Community Service Center. Collection box is outside the church office. Now through February 17.

We will observe the **Lord's Supper** today. The bread served will be gluten-free.

**The church office has information on events.**

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: [office@rtbchurch.org](mailto:office@rtbchurch.org)

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Please be advised that our services are livestreamed to the internet. Your participation in the service serves as your consent to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your participating minor children.