

Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 10:20

Reflect back on Ecclesiastes 10:1-19. How many foolish characteristics have we covered? How many have you seen reflecting in your life? How has your relationship with Jesus improved through this study?

Consider times when you have been tempted to murmur. What incident brought about your frustration? How could you have handled the situation better?

What authorities have you murmured against? Do you tend to be troubled by one authority more than others?

How can murmuring impact those around you?

What examples did we discuss to show that even our secret murmuring will be discovered? Can you reflect on a time when you harbored a secret frustration that was later revealed?

Consider the story of the nation of Israel at the gates of the Promised Land. How are your actions similar to them?

Above all sins, what does murmuring reflect concerning our testimony of being Christians?

Do you struggle with biblical confrontation? In what ways can you improve in this area?

What if things don't change after confronting an issue? How can you show that Jesus is really your King?

Study for next week: Ecclesiastes 11:1-8.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.