

Conversations with Solomon at The Salt Creek Café Series
Message # 8: How Do I Face The Future?
Core Group Discussion Guide
April 7, 2019

Message Overview:

- **Ecclesiastes 8:7 (TLB) ... “Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come?”**
- Human beings have an unquenchable thirst to know about the future.
- We will do anything to find out what's going to happen next.
- People will pay good money for **palm reading ... fortune telling ... tea leaves ... fortune cookies ... crystal balls ... astrology**. None of that stuff works.
- Predicting the future is big business.
- **Even our best predictions are only educated guesses.**
- **Nobody knows what the future holds. Except God.**
- **What does God have to say about the future?**
- **How do I face an uncertain future?**

Text: Ecclesiastes 8:7; Joshua 1:1-11

Questions for Discussion:

- **OPEN IT –**
 1. How do you react when you hear predictions about the end of the world?
 2. If you were convinced the world would end in six months – what would you do until then?
- **EXPLORE IT –** (After reading Joshua 1:1-11)
 1. What’s wrong with planning out our lives? (Proverbs 27:11; Matt. 6:34)
 2. What responsibility does God want us to take in planning our lives?
 3. What is the best use we can make of our lives? (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9)
- **GET IT –**
 1. How can we make plans for business or living which are pleasing to God?
 2. Given how long you think you could live – how can you plan for the future with humility and faith? (Proverbs 20:18; 16:1; 16:9)
 3. What accomplishment(s) from your life do you want to present to God?
 4. How can you determine in your daily life what is sinful and what is pleasing to God? (Joshua 1:7, 9)
- **APPLY IT –**
 1. What can you do this week to place your plans for the future in God’s hands?
 2. What aspects of your life plans do you need to present to God in Prayer this week?
 3. How can you strengthen your faith today so that you are ready to face any uncertainties that will come? (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9; Joshua 3:15)
- **PERSONAL REFLECTION ...**

Philippians 4:13 (J B Phillips Translation)
I am ready for anything through the strength of the one who lives within me.