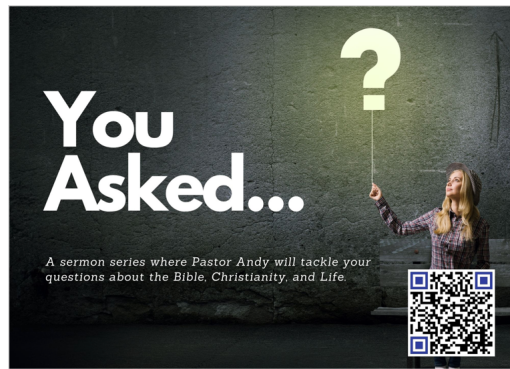




**Announcements:**

- March Madness Bracket Challenge
- March 24- SNF- Meeting at the Montgomery’s House for the Kenosha Missions Trip
- Beef and Boards- April 12



**Order of Service for tonight:**

- **Opening Game:** Bracket Challenge
- **Announcements:**
- **Songs:**
  - Constrained by Christ (p. 141)
  - Walk Worthy (on screen)
- **Prayer:**
- **Message:** Pastor Andy



**Lesson 11**  
**“How to Be Better Off”**  
*Ecclesiastes 7:1-14*

We're now diving into the second half of the book of Ecclesiastes. In the first half, Solomon shared his experiences 'under the sun,' trying everything only to find it all fleeting and vain. But now, he transitions from recounting his actions to imparting wisdom. What can we learn from his insights and experiences? In this section, Solomon emphasizes the concept of 'good' or 'better' eleven times, highlighting the brighter aspects of life. It's a passage focused on **how to be “better off”** by living according to Godly wisdom.

**Consider life and death (7:1-4).**

- A good \_\_\_\_\_ is better than perfume (v. 1a).
- Your death-day is better than your \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1b).
- Mourning is better than partying (vs. 2, 4).
- Sorrow is better than \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3).

*Other Notes:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Consider wisdom and foolishness (7:5-7).**

- An unwanted rebuke is better than an attractive \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5).
- Compare the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6-7).
  - The fool’s message sounds nice, but it’s meaningless.
  - The wise man’s message sounds harsh, but it’s \_\_\_\_\_
    - He is tempted to give up.
    - He is tempted to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Other Notes:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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<sup>1</sup> This sermon title came from Warren Wiersbe’s “Be Series” book on Ecclesiastes. “Be Satisfied.”

