

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, July 31, 2022 (Pentecost 8)**

#### **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Where has the Teacher searched for wisdom?
2. What is the "burden" laid on men (v. 13)? Why is God blamed for this burden?
3. Why does wisdom and knowledge bring sorrow and grief?
4. Why did the Teacher hate life?
5. Who are the real beneficiaries of a man's work? Why is that?

#### **Colossians 3:1-11**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. How are we to grow in our spiritual life?
2. What does it mean to "set your heart on things above?" How do you do that?
3. How is it possible to take off the first set of clothes and put on the second?
4. What does verse 11 mean to us today? Why do we tend to see things in categories?

#### **Luke 12:13-21**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What was wrong with this man's actions?
2. What is the difference between "having" and "hoarding?"
3. What does it mean to "be rich to God?" What actions are different in the lives of one "rich toward God" and "rich for self?"
4. When have you been like the man in this story?
5. How are you handling your finances?

##### **WRAP UP**

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?