

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

04.19.2026

**TCCO HOSPITALITY/CLEANING TEAM:** Do you prefer serving behind the scenes? Do you enjoy preparing a welcoming environment for others? Would you like to have a way to serve on a team outside of Sundays? WE NEED YOU! Our TCCO Hospitality/Cleaning Team is looking for more volunteers to help prepare our building for Sunday Services and special events. This is a great way to serve as your schedule allows and help us create the best possible environment for people to connect with Jesus and each other at TCCO. Please contact [walter@theconnecting.co](mailto:walter@theconnecting.co) with any questions, or to sign up!

**CONNECT GROUPS:** We are looking for anyone feeling the prompt to host or lead a new Connect Group starting this Summer or Fall Semester. To talk more about this, ask questions, brainstorm or share ideas, reach out to Lindsey Morris, our Connect Groups Director, [lindsey@theconnecting.co](mailto:lindsey@theconnecting.co). We are not meant to do life alone and are truly better together!

**TCCO STUDENTS SPRING RETREAT DAY:** All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us on **Sat. 5/9 from 12:00-10:00pm** for our Spring Retreat Day! We will be going from one fun activity to the next all day long: ice skating and games at WeStreet, fun & a scavenger hunt at The Gathering Place, Slick City Action Park, some intentional moments of discipleship and connection, ending our night with an outdoor movie, bonfire and smores...plus more! Use the link to **register no later than Wed. 5/6** and invite your friends! Contact [walter@theconnecting.co](mailto:walter@theconnecting.co) with any questions!

**MOTHER'S DAY 2026:** Join us **Sun. 5/10 for Mother's Day at the 9am or 11am service**. We have so many special things planned...a great message, a beautiful photo op, and a special gift for every mom and TCCO woman. If you are a mom, invite and bring the whole family. If you know a mom, invite her to join you. We cannot wait to celebrate this super special day together with all of you and honor and celebrate all our TCCO moms & women!

**NO SUNDAY SERVICES on 5/24:** Memorial Day Weekend there will be no Sunday Services at TCCO. This is an opportunity for us to say THANK YOU to our Dream Team for serving week after week all year long, and give them all a break. We also highly value the importance of time with family and friends. So, please plan to use this time to be with your people and go be JESUS and THE CHURCH outside the 4 walls of our church building! We will look forward to seeing everyone back and worshipping together again on Sun. 5/31.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Wed. 4/29**, TCCO Students+ Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch, 6:30-8:00pm

**Wed. 5/6**, TCCO Students ONE NIGHT, 6:30-8:00pm



# IN LIGHT OF THE END “WHEN LIFE FEELS MEANINGLESS”

Travis Cherry



we exist to  
connect people  
to Jesus and  
each other

**IN LIGHT OF THE END**  
**“When Life Feels Meaningless”**  
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*“Medieval Old Testament scholars called this book one of the Bible’s most dangerous books...its paragraphs brim over with cynicism and even despair that seem out of place in the Bible’s grand narrative.*

*“I’m growing more and more convinced that the only truly mentally healthy reaction to living in this world is regular and profound periods of grief...” — Stephanie Phillips*

Before God gives us answers...He often exposes our illusions.

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-10, ESV** — *<sup>1</sup>The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>3</sup>What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? <sup>4</sup>A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. <sup>5</sup>The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. <sup>6</sup>The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. <sup>7</sup>All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. <sup>8</sup>All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. <sup>9</sup>What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already in the ages before us.*

Vanity (Hebel in Hebrew) means: vapor, breath or mist.

**1) LIFE WILL FEEL EMPTY IF WE EXPECT IT TO SATISFY US**

ONLY JESUS will ever truly satisfy, ONLY GOD can ever fill every longing and empty space and place in our heart and soul and life.

**2) NEW DOES NOT MEAN MEANINGFUL**

Newness is not the same as meaning. New does not equal meaningful!

**3) BEWARE OF THE TRAP OF EXISTENTIAL LIVING**

“Man exists in a series of experiences and cannot discover any onward meaning in them.”

When you continue to chase meaning...and it continues to not deliver...you eventually start to turn inward.

When you have to create your own meaning...it is only as strong as you are.

**4) GOD IS NOT AFRAID OF YOUR QUESTIONS**

Real faith is not built on pretending everything is fine; it is built on bringing our whole self and what is real to God.

Nothing new under the sun can give ultimate meaning!

Meaning is never found in what is new or temporary...it is only ever found in what is eternal.

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Where have you been looking for meaning, that was never meant to carry that weight?

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2. What would it look like, to stop chasing what is new and shiny, and start seeking what is real and true?

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