

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TCCO KIDS PARENTS: We are so excited to announce...we are launching a brand new curriculum for our TCCO Kids! It is starting today in our Elementary rooms and will begin in June in our Preschool rooms. We can't wait to witness our TCCO Kids grow and connect even more to Jesus through this more engaging and intentional curriculum. You will still receive a handout at pick-up each Sunday called "Table Talk". This tool will help to spark meaningful conversations as a family based on what your children learn in class each week. You should have also received an email with more detailed information. If you did not receive this recent email, have any questions, or would like more information, please reach out to Elaine, our TCCO Kids Director, elaine@theconnecting.co.

TCCO STUDENTS ONE NIGHT: All current 5th graders, and one or both of their parents, are invited to join us for this special night on Wed. 5/6, 6:30-8:00 pm. This annual event is designed for all upcoming 6th graders to experience all that happens on a Wednesday Night at TCCO Students, connect with other TCCO Students, and have an opportunity to ask any questions. Parents will also have a time to connect with Pastor Walter just as parents. To RSVP, please email walter@theconnecting.co by TOMORROW Mon. 5/4.

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 & games at WeStreet, fun & a scavenger hunt at The Gathering Place, Slick City Action Park, some intentional moments of discipleship & connection, ending our night with an outdoor movie, a bonfire, & smores...and more! Use the link to register no later than Wed. 5/6 and invite all your friends! Contact walter@theconnecting.co with any questions!

MOTHER'S DAY 2026: Join us NEXT Sun. 5/10 for Mother's Day at TCCO, at the 9am or 11am services. We have so many special things planned...a special message, a beautiful photo op, and an intentional 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 to honor and celebrate all our TCCO moms & women!

NO SUNDAY SERVICES on 5/24: There will be no Sunday Services at TCCO for Memorial Day Weekend. This is an opportunity for us to say THANK YOU to our Dream Team for serving week after week all year long, and to 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. 5/13, TCCO Students+ Color Wars, 6:30-8:30pm

Fri. 5/22, John 3:16 Mission Serving Opportunity, 5:30-7:30pm



IN LIGHT OF THE END
“When What You Hoped For Isn’t Enough”

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If your life is built on this concept of “more”...you will always find yourself running...but never actually going or getting anywhere.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

1 I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vanity. 2 I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” 3 I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. 4 I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. 5 I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. 6 I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. 7 I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. 8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man. 9 So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. 10 And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

1. Misplaced hope always fails.

“The Teacher sets his sights on those pleasures that many people considered worthwhile in themselves...even jokes and laughter grew stale.”

The issue is that he expected these things to do something they were never designed to do.

2. We are designed to desire.

Our human brain is wired to want...more than it is wired to rest. Because, our brain has a system built around desire and not around satisfaction.

If you continue to build your life around the next thing...you will never arrive and you will never be satisfied.

“Sin is not just doing bad things, it is more fundamentally making good things into ultimate things.”

- Tim Keller

The issue in your life is often not what you are doing...it is often what you are depending on. We cannot allow GOOD things to become ULTIMATE things in our lives.

3. Good things get distorted.

Even “good things” in life become “bad things”, when we allow them to become the “ultimate things” and take the place of what only God can fill in our lives.

4. More will never satisfy.

Ecclesiastes 6:9

9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

“More” does not quiet the soul...it agitates it.

Arrival Fallacy: the belief that says... “When I get there, then I will be satisfied.”

5. Wrongly placed expectations create disappointment.

Temporary things...cannot carry eternal weight.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1) What are you chasing right now that you are hoping will completely satisfy you? What things are you misplacing your expectations and hope in?

2) What would it look like to stop looking to temporary things to do what only God can do?