
Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:16

Current Series: The Chase

Message Title: Trivial Pursuits

Conclusions from Solomon's Pursuit for Meaning:

1. Meaning cannot be found in _____ (1:12-18)

"For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief." (Ecc. 1:18)

2. Meaning cannot be found in _____ (2:1-11)

"I said to myself, 'Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.' But that also proved to be meaningless." (Ecc. 2:1)

3. Meaning cannot be found in _____ (2:12-16)

"The fate of the fool will overtake me also. What then do I gain by being wise?" (Ecc. 2:15)

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:16

1. What role does education and learning play in your life? What steps do you take to ensure that there is a balance in your life between knowledge and humility?
2. In what ways can wisdom and education be a "heavy burden" (Ecc. 1:13) or produce "much sorrow" and "grief" (Ecc. 1:18)? What are the limitations to wisdom and education?
3. In what ways have you sought to enjoy life through the pursuit of pleasure (Ecc. 2:1-10)? What have you learned from those experiences?
4. Why do you think people are tempted to find meaning in pleasure? What eventually causes someone to move beyond this approach?
5. Often, for pleasure to be fulfilling, the intensity of the pleasure must continually increase. What examples of this do you see in the world today?
6. What are some ways we can enjoy pleasure, possessions, and relationships in ways that God designed?
7. How does Christ bring significance and meaning to all of our actions, including the ones that seem mundane?
8. In being so honest about his life, Solomon helps us to learn from his experience. What things or hard lessons from your life experience could similarly be used to help others?