

Life Group Study Notes



September 14, 2025

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

That Futile Feeling

Ecclesiastes Chapters 1-2

Feeling futile often encompasses a realization that efforts may seem meaningless, leading to a profound inner conflict on the meaning and ultimate purpose of life.

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

Expected reading for this week – Ecclesiastes chapters 1 and 2

1. What is one spiritual lesson you learned over the course of the summer that is new for you?
2. What sets wisdom apart from knowledge?
3. Who is identified as the author or “Teacher” in 1:1, and why is that significant?
4. To the teacher, God is _____, _____, and sometimes _____.
5. Take time to expand on the 3 phrases presented in verse 1:14, and how do they affect the Teacher’s view of life?

Under the sun – personal experience in a _____ and _____ world.

All meaningless – the _____ of it all, the opposite of _____.

Chasing the wind – even if you _____ it, you still come up _____.

6. In 2:1–11, what pleasures and accomplishments did the Teacher pursue in his search for meaning?
7. Though the Teacher experiences despair, what two things never get mentioned as an option?
8. For the Teacher, where is meaning NOT found?
In _____, _____, or _____.
9. How does this passage challenge our culture’s view that happiness comes from money, pleasure, or accomplishments?
10. If someone asked you, “What’s the meaning of life?” based only on these first two chapters, how would you answer?
11. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

Personal Reflection

1. In your own life, what “earthly pursuits” tend to distract you from finding meaning in God?

Coming Next Week

Seasons Under the Sun

Reading for next week – Ecclesiastes chapter 3

The ultimate control over time and events lies beyond our grasp. Yet, we are reminded to appreciate the present and recognize the beauty in life's seasons.

***The Search for Meaning:
A Journey Through Life's Questions.
(From September 14-November 16)
A 10-Part Series***

Whether you're seeking answers, grappling with life's mysteries, or simply curious about the profound messages of the Bible, this series is for you. We embark on a spiritual exploration that promises to inspire and challenge your understanding of what it means to live with meaning and purpose. In a world filled with distractions and relentless pursuits, Ecclesiastes reminds us to pause and ponder the essence of life.

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