

Life Is  
Week 1 - Life is Meaningless  
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A great question from a surprising source...

Background:

**Big Idea:** When you look \_\_\_\_ your life for meaning, life is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Passage:** Ecclesiastes 1:1-17

**3 Notes from Solomon's Journal:**

1. All is \_\_\_\_\_. (1:1-2)
2. Life feels \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (1:3-11)
3. Wisdom is not \_\_\_\_\_ from disappointment. (1:12-17)

**Next Steps:**

1. Pick 3-5 words you could use to finish the sentence "Life is \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Identify the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which are strongest in your life today.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to read through Ecclesiastes this summer and \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to you in the middle of those fears and feelings.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What did you learn from today's message? What did you feel God calling you to do in light of that lesson?
- What is your history with Ecclesiastes? Have you studied the book before or not? Do you have any feelings about Ecclesiastes?
- Solomon use the word "vanity/meaningless" 38 times in 12 chapters. When has life felt meaningless or vain to you? Why did life feel that way?
- Pastor Scott shared a sobering quote from Anne Lamott who said, "A hundred years from now? All new people." When have you experienced the brevity and fragile nature of life? How did those experiences change the way you lived?
- One of the Next Steps included an invitation to finish the sentence "Life is \_\_\_\_\_." Based upon your current experience of life, what word(s) would you choose?
- Pastor Scott shared how Ecclesiastes fits in the context of the Old Testament Wisdom Books. Which of those books do you enjoy the most? Why?
- How can the group be praying for this summer as we study Ecclesiastes together?

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