



September 13- Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

1. Who is speaking in Ecclesiastes 1:1, and how is he described?
2. What does the phrase “Vanity of vanities” mean?
3. What question does verse 3 ask about human labor? What lasting benefit do we ultimately get from all our work?
4. What point is made by the statement, “A generation goes, and a generation comes”?
5. What do the examples of the sun, wind, and rivers teach us?
6. What does verse 8 mean when it says, “All things are full of weariness”?
7. Why does the teacher say, “There is nothing new under the sun”? What is he trying to convey to the reader?
8. What is the significance of verse 11: “There is no remembrance of former things”?
9. What are some things people today pursue because they believe those things will finally make their lives meaningful-and why do those things ultimately fail to satisfy?

September 20- Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

1. Why did the Teacher devote himself to studying wisdom and understanding? (1:12-18) Can knowledge ever make life more difficult? Why?
2. What does the statement “For in much wisdom is much vexation” mean? (1:18)
3. Why did the Teacher turn from wisdom to pleasure? (2:1-3) What are some ways people today use entertainment or pleasure to escape the frustrations of life?
4. What accomplishments did the Teacher pursue in Ecclesiastes 2:4-10?
5. What did the Teacher conclude after experiencing all these pleasures? (2:11)
6. What did the Teacher discover about wisdom compared with foolishness? (2:12-16) How should the reality of death affect the way we use our wisdom and opportunities today?
7. Why did the Teacher come to “hate life”? (2:17)
8. Why did the Teacher become frustrated with his work?
(2:18-23)
9. What positive conclusion does the Teacher reach in 2:24-25?
10. What does Ecclesiastes 2:26 teach us about God’s role in our work and enjoyment?
11. Of the three areas the Teacher explores- wisdom, pleasure, and work- which one are people most likely to look to for meaning today, and why?

September 27- Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

1. What is the main message of Ecclesiastes 3:1?

What season of life have you found particularly difficult to understand or accept?

2. Why does the Teacher list so many contrasting “times” in verses 2-8?

3. What does verse 9 mean when it asks, “What gain has the worker from his toil”?

4. What does Ecclesiastes 3:11 mean when it says, “He has made everything beautiful in its time”?

5. What does it mean that God has “put eternity into man’s heart”? (v. 11)

6. According to verses 12-13, what should our response be to life?

What ordinary blessings do you sometimes overlook because you are focused on what comes next?

7. What does verse 14 teach us about God’s work?

8. How should Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 change the way we view difficult seasons of life?

9. What would it look like for you to trust God more fully in the particular season of life you are in right now?