

Bible Summary
Ecclesiastes
Introduction 1:1-18

The book of Ecclesiastes probes people about what they believe by challenging the way they live life. It is a book long on questions with few answers. It is a book that should develop a thirst and desire to find answers spelled out in the rest of Scripture. The preacher in Ecclesiastes experiments with every kind of life apart from God to see if it makes sense but instead he finds life apart from God is meaningless.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.
There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Safety is becoming a theme in our culture. How have you seen that philosophy creeping in to Christianity?
3. In what ways have stress and hardship helped you to grow?
 - a. If hardship produces growth, then why do we avoid it?
4. Solomon explored different philosophies to find the meaning of life, and found that without God all were meaningless.
 - a. Why does the existence of our God give meaning to life?
 - b. How, then, does this affect the way you live your life?
5. In living a purposeful life for God, what tends to distract you the most from that purpose?
 - a. Have you found something that helps you remember that what you do echoes throughout all eternity?
6. Matt said there are 2 realities that shape the way you view life: everything has meaning or nothing has meaning.
 - a. Share about a time it felt like everything was meaningless.
 - b. What are some Biblical truths that remind us that we matter? And that what we do matters?