

LIFE'S SEARCH

Week 2/10 in the series Ecclesiastes

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Great news! Today we will hear from the wisest man who ever lived. He was a king, a prolific international author, and he has a timeless message for us. After an aggressive and unrestrained search through life, he finally concluded that meaning is found in a life where God is included. It is the same for us, and it is always our choice. Consider your current pursuits. What is it you hope to gain through them? Then together let's re-center God into our lives so that it all makes sense.

1. **The grand search** (*Ecclesiastes 2:1-23*). From pleasure seeking, to the emptiness of wisdom and especially wearisome work, all is meaningless – under the sun.
2. **The unfortunate result** (*Ecclesiastes 2:11, 17, 22*). Without God, the more of anything we get creates a greater thirst for more of the same.
3. **The cure** (*Ecclesiastes 2:24-26; 3:12-13, 22; 5:18-20; 8:15; 9:7; 11:7-10; 12:13*). Here is the first of seven simple and refreshing conclusions to the matter: Include God, and it all makes sense.

APPLICATION

If the wisest man cannot find happiness anywhere else but in God,
how can we hope to do any better?

NEXT WEEK: 3/10 THE CONTROL OF LIFE (*Ecclesiastes 3*)

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Growth Group Notes

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Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. What things in your life bring you happiness?

DIGGING DEEPER:

2. What are some of the meaningless pursuits in life according to Solomon? (*Ecclesiastes 2:1-23*) What do we gain by pursuing these things? (*Ecclesiastes 2:11, 17, 22*)
3. How do we bring sense into our seemingly meaningless lives? (*Ecclesiastes 2:24; Psalm 4:7-8; Romans 5:1; Ephesians 4:6-8*)

APPLICATION:

4. Where is your time spent? Make time this week to pursue God... If the wisest man cannot find happiness anywhere else but in God, how can we hope to do any better?

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