



### **Life Group Study Questions Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26**

1. Read Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 together. As you think about this weekend's sermon, what stood out to you? What questions come to mind? Was there anything unclear or confusing?
2. Have you ever wrestled with purpose or meaning in life? Explain what that experience was like. Did you turn to different things to try and find meaning?
3. In our text, Qohelet goes on a quest to find meaning and purpose in life. In chapter 2:1-11 he turns to pleasure to find meaning. Look at those verses and list the things he tries. Which of those things have you thought would bring meaning and purpose?
4. In chapter 2:12-17, Qohelet turns to wisdom to find meaning. What comes to mind when you think of someone who lives "wisely"? What about someone who lives "foolishly"?
5. In chapter 2:18-23, Qohelet turns to work or toil to find meaning and fulfillment. Do you know people whose whole lives revolve around work? Why is it tempting to put your identity in what you do?
6. Pastor Andrew's first application was "Not all pleasures in life are wrong. Enjoy them as a gift from God." Was this your reality growing up? Was enjoyment and pleasure viewed as wrong or sinful? Read James 1:16-17 and 1 Timothy 4:1-5 and discuss a good biblical view of enjoying food, drink, pleasure, etc.
7. Pastor Andrew's second application was "If you put meaning and purpose in anything 'under the sun' you will be disappointed." Have you experienced Qohelet's frustration when you place ultimate meaning in physical things? Read Jesus' words in Matthew 6:19-33 and discuss what it means to "seek first the kingdom of God".
8. Pastor Andrew's third application was "In the frustration of life, don't believe lies about God." Why is it so easy to blame or critique God when things don't go our way? How do we avoid this?