

PULPIT CURRICULUM

First Baptist Church of Tyrone

Running in Circles | Chasing Enough: The Search for what Truly Matters

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

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Ultimate satisfaction is not found in earthly pursuits but in God alone.

1. In Ecclesiastes 1:12–18, why do you think Solomon concluded that increased wisdom and knowledge can lead to increased “vexation” and “sorrow”? What are the limitations of human wisdom apart from God?

2. In Ecclesiastes 2:1–11, Solomon pursued pleasure, possessions, accomplishments, and experiences without withholding anything from himself. What does his experiment teach us about the ability of earthly pleasures to provide lasting satisfaction?

3. In Ecclesiastes 2:12–17, how would you say that the reality of death affected Solomon’s assessment of wisdom, success, and achievement? How should the certainty of death affect the way Christians prioritize their lives?

4. Identify the things you are most tempted to believe will make you truly satisfied. How might those things become substitutes for finding your satisfaction in God?

5. In Ecclesiastes 2:24–26, what does Solomon mean when he says that enjoyment of life and work is “from the hand of God”? How is this different from pursuing pleasure as an end in itself?

6. Compare Ecclesiastes 2:10–11 with Psalm 84:10 and John 11:25–26. What do these passages teach about the difference between temporary earthly satisfaction and the lasting satisfaction found in God through Christ?
