



The Bubble

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S.O.A.P. Bible Study:

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

Ecclesiastes = "Assemblyman" preacher, gatherer of wisdom & proclaimer that declares wisdom.

Today's Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

Meaningless (Hebrew) "Hevel" = Vanity, futile, things not of substance, emptiness, vapor, breath

James 4:14b (NIV)

Series in a Sentence: Life under the Sun is meaningless but life with the Son is meaningful.

Matthew 12:42b (NIV)

⇒ Living under the sun is _____ but life with the Son is _____.

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)

⇒ Living under the sun is _____ but life with the Son is _____.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)

⇒ Living under the sun is _____ new but life is with the Son is _____ new.

Revelation 21:5a (NIV)

⇒ Living under the sun will be _____; life with the Son leads to _____.

Revelation 21:23–27 (NIV)

“Only preparing to die will teach you how to live.” David Gibson,
Live Life Backwards

Q—What if you lived life backwards?

ANSWER KEY: monotonous, adventurous; dissatisfying, fulfilling; nothing, brand; forgotten, legacy



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: Meaningfulness

Share Together: When has all your hard work paid off (e.g., in a goal accomplished, achievement, or finishing a project)? How did you feel?

Reflect together: What impacted you the most from Sunday’s message?

Read Together: Ecclesiastes 1:1-3

Discuss:

- The theme of Ecclesiastes is summarized in 1:2. What would that be?
- Depending on the translation, either “vanity” or “meaningless”, the original word means “breath or vapor”. Knowing this, what do you think Solomon is trying to convey?
- How does it relate to you and how you might feel about life in general?
- How would you answer Solomon’s question in verse 3?
- “Under the sun” is a repeated phrase throughout Ecclesiastes and many believe it means living apart from God. How does this relate to us as followers of Jesus, getting sidetracked when trying to follow God’s will?

Read Together: Ecclesiastes 1:4-11

Discuss:

- Solomon emphasizes life’s meaninglessness through repetition. How does he illustrate this through nature, according to these verses?
- What are some of the “meaningless cycles” in which you find yourself operating?
- How can repetitiveness of life make us weary, never feeling satisfied? How does following Jesus break this monotony?
- In verse 9, Solomon says, “there is nothing new under the sun.” What does he mean by this? How can we find newness with the Son as followers of Jesus?
- Knowing life is like “breath” (very short, when put in perspective), what are ways we can find meaningfulness that have eternal significance? What do you want to be known for after you’re gone?
- Where are some areas you find yourself struggling with “living under the sun”, for which you need the newness of Jesus?

Pray Together: Take time to share how God has answered prayer and other prayer requests that you have today.