

Life Group Discussion Guide

THRILL-SEEKERS
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Stuart Jones - May 5, 2019



INTRODUCTION

The philosopher Albert Camus said, “You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.” In our materialistic world, we are easily pulled into the pursuit of what we think will bring happiness and joy—things. These things, we are told, will give us excitement, purpose and meaning.

Where do we find meaning? The book of Ecclesiastes provides instruction on how to live meaningfully, purposefully and joyfully. It tells us to place God at the center of our work, activity and life.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Stuart told us about Stacia craving snow cones. What is your favorite frozen treat? Why?
2. If you were given an opportunity like Solomon and God asked you, “What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you.” What would you ask for? Explain.

EVALUATE IT

1. Stuart said of Solomon, "He asked God for wisdom, he used the wisdom to get wealth, he used the wealth to get wine and women. And in Solomon's mind, he was hoping one of these things, if not all of these things, would bring him happiness, would satisfy his craving that was deep inside of him. But none of it did." Why was this the case? How could the wisest and wealthiest man of all time be unhappy?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 1:2-9. What, in his mind is meaningless? Why is it meaningless?
3. Stuart said we need to spend time IN His creation and WITH His creation. What did he mean by this and how do we do it?
4. Stuart said, "Here's how Solomon, after all of his experiments and journeys, would fill in the blank. Fear God and keep His commandments; Obey the Creator. Well, that seems pretty broad; how do you do that?" Answer his question, how do you do that?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Fantasize a moment about the following blank. "If only I had _____, I'd be satisfied." When are you most tempted to say that phrase?
2. What can you do to keep from settling for an \$8 snow cone when the God of the universe is offering you life, real life, abundant life?



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