



PURPOSE

UNDER THE SUN

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE



Questions for Application:

1. How do you personally relate to the concept of “meaninglessness” or “vanity” in your own life? Have you ever felt like the Teacher does in this passage?
2. What do you think the Teacher means when he questions the gain from all our labors under the sun (verse 3)? How do you view the value of hard work in light of this?
3. Verse 8 talks about the weariness of all things. What are some areas in your life where you seek satisfaction but find it elusive? How do you seek fulfillment?
4. Verses 9-10 claim that there is nothing new under the sun. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? How do you see innovation and creativity in this context?
5. In light of the Teacher’s reflections on meaninglessness, how do you find or create purpose and meaning in your own life? What role does your faith play in this?

Resources *Consider starting one of these Bible reading plans to go deeper on this topic*

Ecclesiastes: Devotional: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/31007>

Vanity: A Study in Ecclesiastes: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/33992>



Ecclesiastes



Vanity

Questions for Discussion

1. What are you reading in the Word this week?
2. How is your reading growing you in the Marks of Discipleship - prayers, presence, gifts, witness, service?

Growth Challenge:

This week we challenge you to place God as your focus, ahead of what you have been chasing to find meaning in your life. Through this take time to see how only He can bring you true purpose and satisfaction.

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Questions for Application:

1. How does the passage influence your understanding of God's role in providing meaning and enjoyment in life? How do you see God's hand in your daily experiences?
2. What does this passage and sermon challenge you to do?
3. What changes might you consider in your own pursuit of fulfillment and happiness after reading this passage and listening to the sermon?
4. How can you cultivate a sense of contentment in your work and daily life, trusting in God's provision and timing?
5. In what ways can you shift your focus from temporary pleasures to more lasting, meaningful pursuits? How can this passage guide you in making that shift?

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Wisdom From Ecclesiastes: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/1951>

Ecclesiastes: Are You Sitting Uncomfortably?: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/36549>



Wisdom from Ecclesiastes



Ecclesiastes: Are You Sitting Uncomfortably?

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Growth Challenge:

This week we challenge you to find and seek God's joy in the good and hard times of life.

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Questions for Application:

1. What does this passage and sermon challenge you to do?
2. What does it mean to “*remember your Creator in the days of your youth*”? Why is this emphasized at the beginning of the chapter?
3. What does it mean to “*fear God and keep his commandments*”? How does this serve as the “*duty of all mankind*”?
4. How can you actively remember and honor your Creator in your current stage of life? What practical steps can you take to keep God at the center?
5. How do you discern and apply wise teachings in your life? What sources of wisdom do you rely on, and how do they guide your decisions?
6. In what ways can you align your life more closely with the exhortation to fear God and keep His commandments? How can this focus bring meaning and fulfillment to your daily life?

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Excerpts From Ecclesiastes: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/37993>



Excerpts from Ecclesiastes

Through the Bible: Ecclesiastes: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/27860>



Through the Bible Ecclesiastes

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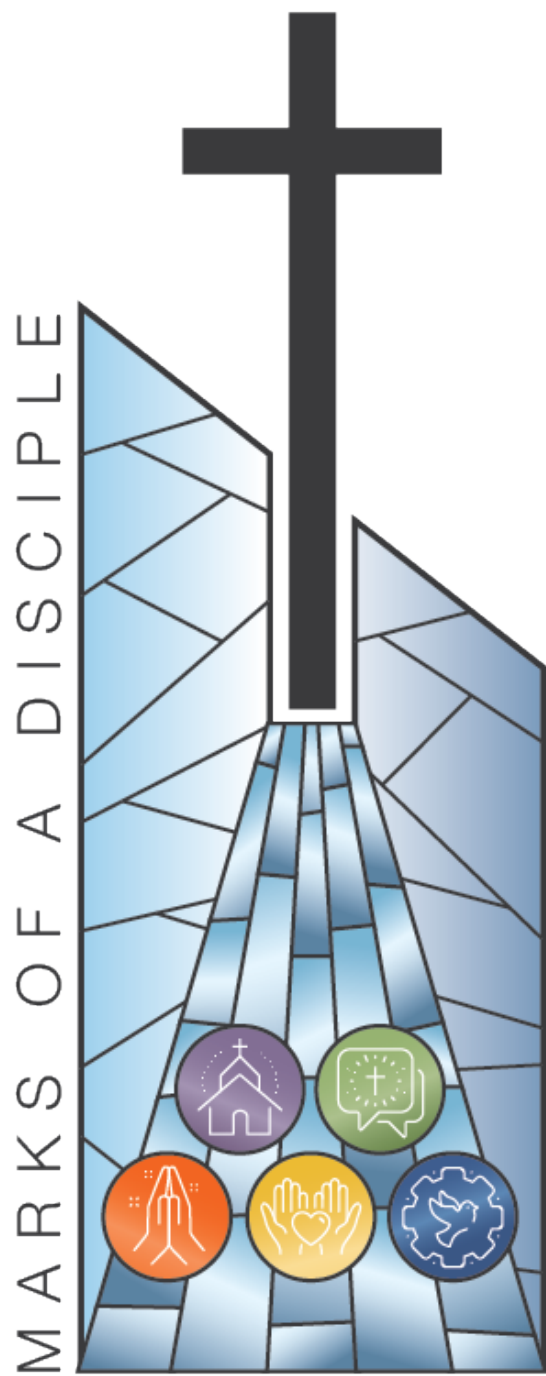
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Growth Challenge:

This week we challenge you to prioritize your relationship with God and live with an eternal perspective, understanding the importance of God's judgment and the fulfillment found in living according to His will.

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