

GENESIS STUDY QUESTIONS July 26, 2009

Ecclesiastes

Getting Started

If you could ask God one question about your life, what would it be?

Turn to Ecclesiastes 3:11-14 and 8:16-17. Put these verses in your own words, and share it with the group.

Digging Deeper

Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 to yourself.

Re-read Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 aloud. As you read, consider this question:

What is the author's outlook on the purpose of life?

How do we continue living our lives to the fullest knowing we will never have all the answers?

How does this information compare to what you previously believed?

After reading this passage, what assumptions could you make about the author's past (i.e. his work, possessions, experiences)?

For a deeper understanding of how the author lived, read Ecclesiastes 2:4-10.

Does this change your assumptions about the author's life?

What assumptions have you made about your own life? Striving for _____ in hopes that you will finally be satisfied? (Example: college degree, marriage, job promotion, bigger house, friends, etc.)

Will you ever be satisfied?

Application

The author concludes with Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. How does your life reflect the pursuit to "fear God and keep his commandments" (12:13-14)?

Pray that God would reveal to you the things in your own life that keep you from fearing Him and keeping His commandments.