



The Search for Meaning

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Literary Style: Wisdom Literature

"Ecclesiastes:" Someone speaking before an assembly ("Preacher/Teacher")

Authorship: Jewish and early Christian sources attribute this to Solomon

I. WITHOUT MEANING AND PURPOSE:

1. Life is:

_____. **Ecclesiastes 1:1-4**

_____. **Ecclesiastes 1:5-8a**

_____. **Ecclesiastes 1:8b**

_____. **Ecclesiastes 1:9-11**

II. AS I SEARCH FOR MEANING AND PURPOSE, I MUST REMEMBER:

1. _____ **does not bring fulfillment.**
Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; Ecclesiastes 2:12-17

2. _____ **does not bring fulfillment.**
Ecclesiastes 2:1-3

3. _____ **does not bring fulfillment.**
Ecclesiastes 2:4-8

4. _____ **does not bring fulfillment.**
Ecclesiastes 2:9-11; Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

APPLICATION:

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." (St. Augustine)

1. Reflection and Release

- What 'empty' rhythms (intelligence, work, pleasure, money, etc.) have you been turning to in order to find meaning and identity?
- Which of these do you need to release to God.

2. Lean In!

- Read and meditate on Ecclesiastes.
- Utilize extra resources in Right Now Media.
- ALWAYS: Invite Jesus into the conversation.

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit that you have sinned against God and others.
- 2) Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross.
- 3) Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

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