

Ecclesiastes: The Quest for Meaning Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

For Understanding

1. The preacher uses the term "life under the sun." What does the author mean by this phrase?
2. What is the preacher's thesis of this book according to verses 1-11?

Personal Reflection

1. Are you a "half-glass full" or "half-glass empty" person? How does that affect and/or shape your relationship with God and others? How did it affect you as you listened to the first message in this series?
2. The Bible tell us that we were created by God and for God (Col.1:16), yet in our day to day living, we often find ourselves on a quest for happiness and meaning in other things. The preacher mentions in verses 8-11 the following areas:

(v.8) the quest for satisfaction; we always want more

(v.9-10) the quest for novelty

(v.11) the quest to be remembered

What area do you think you are most prone to chase after in hopes of finding joy and satisfaction? What are some examples of how this plays out in your life?