

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

'LIKE CHASING THE WIND'



“...FINDING MEANING BEYOND THE SUN”

Life can **feel like** an **endless chase**—repeating routines and chasing satisfaction that never lasts. **Ecclesiastes** exposes the emptiness of life “*under the sun*,” but **points us to Jesus**, who stepped into our world **to bring true meaning, joy, and purpose**. In Him, everything changes.

WEEK 6 – “The Search...”

Introduction:

On Sunday we heard that Ecclesiastes shows ***the limits of life*** “under the sun”—the weariness of searching - But Matthew 2 reminds us that God has stepped into our darkness in Jesus. Like the wise men, we’re invited to **seek Him**, but ***then to stop*** & rejoice in Him, & offer our lives in worship. As Christmas approaches, our call is simple: **come & adore Him**.

Before you begin – pray that God will open your heart to receive from Him...

Read again: Ecclesiastes 12: 1 - 14

What stands out to you from this passages or from what we heard on Sunday?

Discussion Questions:

1. ***In Matthew 2 we see the Wise Men coming search for the ‘newborn King’.***
When is searching good and right and when is it right to stop searching?
2. ***Ecclesiastes 12 starts by telling us not to forget Our Creator in our youth...***
...why do you think that is an issue for people and maybe even us still?
3. ***Look at Matthew 2 and King Herod’s reaction to Jesus birth...***
How does his reaction show humanity’s struggle, and our own hearts at times?
4. ***Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18...***
“Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances.”
What would it look like for us to respond to Jesus this Christmas with that kind of joy, prayer, and gratitude?
5. ***Andrew shared about the Greek word for worship ‘proskuneo’ – which means, ‘to kiss, like a dog licking its master’s hand’...***do you find this picture of what worship is challenging or intimate..? Why might we need to roll on our backs and enjoy ‘a tummy rub’ from our loving Saviour and King?
6. ***1 Corinthians 10:31 tells us, “whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God”*** – so whatever we do we want to do it as worship – but why is it so important to also stop and ‘come and adore’ him? What helps or hinders you doing so?

Through this Ecclesiastes series we have been reminded that life “*under the sun*” is fleeting, but life **with Jesus** is ***full, purposeful, & eternal***. He is our wisdom, our joy, & our true meaning. - **Bonus verses:** read and discuss Psalm 16.