

# 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 5 – “When life seems so unfair”

#### Introduction:

Ecclesiastes 9 reminds us that **life is brief**, uncertain, and often **unfair**, yet we’re called to live **wholeheartedly** with wisdom, joy, and **eternal purpose**. In Christ, our labour is not wasted and our hope reaches far beyond this life. His promise of **eternal reward** reshapes how we live today.

**Before you begin** – Andrew shared a story about a 2 yr old painting a fence with his dad – discuss the story & any times you’ve felt like that 2yr old & **pray** together!

**Read again:** Ecclesiastes 9:1–12

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

#### Discussion Questions:

1. **Ecclesiastes 9 reminds us that life is short and unpredictable.**  
*How does this perspective shape the way you view your priorities?*  
*Read: Ecclesiastes 9:1–6; Psalm 39:4–5*
2. **“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.”**  
*What does wholehearted living look like for you in this season?*  
*Read: Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23–24*
3. **Solomon speaks honestly about the limits of earthly life.**  
*How does the hope of eternity change the way you interpret his words?*  
*Read: Ecclesiastes 9:11–12; 2 Corinthians 4:17–18*
4. **Life does not always reward the fastest, the strongest, or the most skilled.**  
*Where have you seen God work beyond ability or fairness?*  
*Read: Ecclesiastes 9:11; 1 Corinthians 1:26–29*
5. **Given how short this life is compared to eternity, how can you live with eternal purpose rather than temporary focus?**  
*Read: Ecclesiastes 9:7–9; Revelation 22:12 and discuss...*

**Ecclesiastes 9** reminds us life is brief, but **in Christ** our work matters **eternally**. His promised reward gives **purpose, hope, and courage** for **each day**.

**Bonus verses** to discuss if you have time: **2 Corinthians 4:17, & Revelation 22:12**