

# ECCLESIASTES

## WHAT NOW?

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18  
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*Read Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)*

Contentment illudes many of us. Why do you think that is? At what points of your life have you been more content and less content? What has contributed to your contentedness and what has led you to dissatisfaction?

Who is the Preacher? Why is he an ideal guide to lead a search for the true essence of life?

What does the Preacher mean when he refers to life “under the sun” or “under heaven”?

How can it be that our lives are an “unhappy business that God has given” to us? Why might this be far less discouraging than it seems on the surface and how can we see that truth as encouraging?

Why is wisdom/knowledge/education an avenue we or others may take in our search for meaning and purpose? How is it possible to still love God with all of our minds, but not make wisdom and knowledge a vain pursuit?

How may knowledge actually increase sorrow? What happens when we realize, no matter how much we know we are still significantly limited?

The Preacher is saying the world is a difficult place to live, but Jesus says he has overcome the world (John 16:33). Why must the world be overcome? And, why must we trust Jesus to overcome it for us, rather than trying to overcome it ourselves?

How does Jesus overcome the world?