



- Aaron Bott and family- Soldier in Kuwait (Joe Forti's friend)
- Ian's unsaved family
- _____
- _____
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Announcements:

- February 16-17- NBA Allstar Weekend Hangout
- July 19-21- Kenosha Missions Trip Signup



Order of Service for tonight:

- **Opening Game:** New Year's Trivia
- **Announcements:**
- **Opener:** Andy
- **Songs:**
 - I Will Glory in My Redeemer (page 66)
 - Not I but Christ (page 88)
- **Prayer:**
- **Message:** Pastor Andy



Lesson 1
 Life Under the Sun
Ecclesiastes 1-12 Summary

When is life worth living? What makes life worth living? After all, life is full of difficulty. The more we things we get (wealth, relationships, intelligence, wisdom, pleasure, etc.), the more we realize how quickly those pleasures can be lost. The harder we work, the more we come to understand that our efforts often lead to little gains. The longer we live, the more we witness injustice. Evil people get away with heartless deeds, while good people get taken advantage of, hurt, and damaged throughout their lives. In the end, everyone dies, and all this stuff doesn't matter anyways.

This is the reality presented in the book of Ecclesiastes: everything is empty and meaningless. Does this really sound like something the Bible would teach? Isn't that too fatalistic? Is this perspective even healthy? Wouldn't the Bible offer more hope than that? When is life worth living? What makes life worth living? Thankfully, this book does provide hopeful, real answers. But it takes an honest journey through these pages to learn that wisdom.

Greet the Author of Ecclesiastes.

- The author mysteriously describes _____.
 ◦ He is "the _____/ _____."
 ◦ He assembles an _____ to give them wisdom.
- The Preacher was clearly _____.
 ◦ He was the son of David (Ecc. 1:1).
 ◦ He was the king in Jerusalem (Ecc. 1:1, 12).
 ◦ He had more _____ than anyone else (Ecc. 1:16; cf. 1 Kings 3:9-14).
 ◦ He oversaw a time of great wealth and prosperity (Ecc. 2:9).
 ◦ He taught the people knowledge and wrote many _____ (Ecc. 12:9).
- Ecclesiastes comes from the life of Solomon.
 ◦ Song of Solomon was written in his youth, when he was _____ about life.
 ◦ Proverbs was written in the _____ of his life, when he was living according to wisdom.
 ◦ Ecclesiastes was written in the end of his life, when he was _____ for indulging in his desires, wealth, and pleasures.



Other Notes: _____

Grapple with the Tone of Ecclesiastes

- Ecclesiastes seems incredibly _____ (Ecc. 3:1-11).
- Ecclesiastes seems shockingly _____ (Ecc. 8:15).
- Ecclesiastes seems sadly fatalistic (Ecc. 2:12-17).
- Ecclesiastes is wisely _____.

Other Notes: _____

Grasp the Message of Ecclesiastes.

- Everything in life is vanity.
 - Life is empty because everything is _____ (Janes 4:14).
 - Life is empty because everything if _____ (Ecc. 5:7).
 - Life is empty because many things are incomprehensible (Ecc. 8:16-17).
- There is nothing new under the sun (39 uses in the book).
- Striving after _____ (Ecc. 1:6, 5:16, 11:4)
- Death is the great _____ (Ecc. 6:3-6; 7:1; 8:6-8).
- _____ life for what it is (Ecc. 8:15).
- Fear and _____ God above all (Ecc. 12:13).

Other Notes: _____

Glance at the Structure of Ecclesiastes.

- Let's _____ life's inconsistencies (Ecc. 1-8).
- Let's _____ life's inconsistencies (Ecc. 9-12).

Glean from the Wisdom of Ecclesiastes.

- Wrestle with the _____ joys of life and the harsh realities of death.
- Have a proper view of God's _____ to you (Ecc. 3:12-15).
- Recognize your own _____.



- Live your life in the _____ of God.
- Heed these warning _____ you make the same mistakes (Ecc. 12:1).
- Remember that _____ has no power over Christians; the Gospel provides great hope for us.

Other Notes: _____

Prayer

Scripture: ²⁰ According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death. ²¹ For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.
Philippians 1:20-21

College Student of the Night: Addison Moritz

- Senior Biomedical Engineering student at University of Cincinnati
- Prayer Requests:
 - Living in Bloomington now
 - His co-op just began and runs through August

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

- Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, Ball State, and UIndy
- Potential at IU, Marion, and Butler
- Single Focus (Connect, Grow, Serve)
- Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts
- _____

Specific Requests:

- Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach in military training/service
- Joseph LaPointe's back and spirit
- Trevor's need for community at Indiana State
- Jessica's Unsaved friend in Mormonism
- Sarah's family's salvation