

Sermon Discussion Guide

Wisdom & Pleasure – Ecclesiastes 1:13-2:26

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Discussion Questions

1. The Weight of Wisdom

“With much wisdom comes much sorrow...” (1:18)

- Why do you think the pursuit of wisdom or knowledge can lead to grief?

2. Pleasure, Success & Wealth

“I denied myself nothing my eyes desired... yet everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind.” (2:10–11)

- Which of the teacher’s pursuits (pleasure, success, work, wealth) are you most tempted to believe will bring lasting fulfillment?
- Why do we keep believing these things will satisfy us—even when we’ve seen they don’t?

3. What We Can’t Fix

“What is crooked cannot be straightened...” (1:15)

- Are there people or circumstances in your life that feel “crooked”—things you wish you could fix but can’t?
- How do we learn to let go of what we can’t control without growing bitter or hopeless?

4. Work That Matters

“A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too... is from the hand of God.” (2:24)

- How does your current job (or daily routine) feel—meaningful or meaningless?
- How might your mindset shift if you approached your work as worship?

Closing Questions:

Name three things you’ve done that now feel like “chasing the wind.” What did you learn from them?

Who in your workplace (or daily life) might be changed if you began working not for self or status, but as an offering to God?