

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

EPHESIANS 2:10

NOTES & QUOTES

MEANING (FULL)
THE WISDOM OF ECCLESIASTES

WEEK 1
Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

May 22, 2022



CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What are a few things in your life that bring you the most meaning? What is it about them that is so meaningful?
2. What are some things that our culture tells us to pursue to find meaning?
3. Why do you think the search for meaning is so important to people?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-18. The theme of the book is summarized in verse 2. What is it?
5. What do you think might cause someone to begin a book this way?
6. What do you feel Solomon's question in verse 3 is asking, and why do you think he uses the term "under the sun"?

7. Solomon emphasizes life is meaningless by stressing the repetition found in nature. Look at verses 1:4-7 and point out the illustrations that he uses. How do these illustrations from nature prove his point?
8. Verses 10-11 speak about the emptiness of memories. How is what he says true? How is what he says not true?
9. Read Ephesians 2:10 and share how that verse from another perspective addresses meaning in life.

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

10. Solomon has written a powerful introduction that challenges our core life perspectives. Share how you respond to what Solomon has said in verses 1:1-11. Do you agree or react against it? Why?
11. How would you explain the meaningfulness of life to someone who was seeking answers?
12. Are there any areas in your life today where you can't see any meaning in?