

God's Beautiful Wise Church (Wisdom Literature)

Week's Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:23

Discussion Guide: January 30, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

In what way did you view wisdom differently or seek wisdom intentionally this past week?

OPEN:

- Did you ever go through a season in life where you pondered the meaning of life?
 - o What did it lead to?
 - o Have you had seasons like this as a Christian and before you were a Christian? Share your experiences.

READ and ASK: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2:23

- What does the wisdom writer communicate in these chapters?
 - o What stands out to you?
 - o What wisdom did you find?
 - o Does it contradict worldly wisdom? If so, how?
 - In what ways does this text reveal the folly of human wisdom?
- What does the author mean by "meaningless" in verse 2?
- What New Testament texts come to mind when thinking from the perspective of the wisdom writer?
- What redeeming value is there in pondering the "meaninglessness" of worldly ways? How is reflecting on it particularly helpful for you?

APPLY:

- How can you sympathize/empathize with the writer?
- Was there something that particularly spoke to you from this past week's sermon and/or this text?
 - o NEXT STEP: What do you need to do with it?

Memory Work:

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

- Mark 8:36

Next Week's Reading: Ecclesiastes 2:24-3:22