

THE SEARCHING FOR MEANING
ECCLESIASTES 1:12-18/2:12-17
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MAIN IDEA: The vanity of life and the reality of death directs our hearts to God.

1. Chasing after the Wind 1:12-18

a. A seeking heart

- i. An unhappy business
- ii. All is vanity, a chasing after the wind
- iii. Crooked and Lacking

b. A sad heart

- i. The more you know, _____
- ii. The more you know, _____

2. Death comes to us all 2:12-17

a. Is wisdom better than folly?

i. Yes

1. _____

2. _____

ii. No

1. Everyone _____

2. Everyone is _____

b. Is life better than death?

3. Longing for God

a. Jesus' words

i. John _____

ii. Matthew _____

b. Paul's words

i. Acts _____

ii. Philippians _____

Questions for Discussion:

1. If someone asked, "What is the meaning of life?" how would you respond?
2. Do you agree that God has given us an unhappy business to be busy with?
3. What things are crooked in your life? How do you respond to these things?
4. Does the state of things in the world cause you sorrow and vexation?
5. How has death and loss informed your life?
6. How might you direct your heart to long more for God and His Kingdom?
7. Can you relate to Paul's declaration that "To die is gain."