

Who Am I? Motivations
Ecclesiastes 2:24-26
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Reading Ecclesiastes:

1. Search for _____, vs. 24.

- What _____ you?
- _____ Wisdom.

2. _____ of Wisdom, 25.

- Wisdom without _____.
- Your _____.
- The _____ of wisdom.

3. Two _____ to Live, vs. 26.

- _____ before God.
- 3 Gifts (wisdom, _____, & joy).
- Vanity & _____ (vs. 18, 21).

Small Group Sermon Questions:

1. What is your motivation for getting up each morning?
2. One commentator says that we use the 9 pleasures in Eccl. 2:1-10 to create "...the bubbles we live in to insulate ourselves from reality." Which one(s) do you tend to define yourself by and see others look for satisfaction in?
3. Which of the 9 laments in Eccl. 2:17-23 do you find yourself or see others grappling with the most and why?
4. As you evaluate the 4 areas of peoples commitments (circumstances, relationships, self and God), how have you seen people respond well to life's challenges in each one of these areas and how have you seen people struggle?
5. Consider the two ways to live (living before God and the sinner) in verse 26, how do people learn to pursue wisdom, knowledge and joy and how do people (Christians included) get stuck looking for meaning in this world?
6. How can you enjoy life and see the pleasures as a gift from God and not get wrapped up in finding meaning in them?