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Are you satisfied? Would you be satisfied with more? King Solomon had all the riches in the world, but still he sought more. More money, more sex, more power. And what he found is that the problem with having everything in the world is having everything in the world. Explore the book of Ecclesiastes as Solomon's personal discovery that, even though he tried and he tried, he couldn't get no satisfaction. His ultimate conclusion was that following God and His commandments is all that matters.



BIG IDEA: When we pursue things that don't satisfy, we ignore the One that does satisfy.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a moment when you had the “time of your life.” What did you do? Who were you with? What did you accomplish?
2. What is your definition of success? How do you measure success in your life?
3. *Read Ecclesiastes 2:17-22.* Describe a time when “everything under the sun” left you feeling dissatisfied. How did this affect your sense of success in life?
4. *Read Mark 9:30-37.* How does your definition of success change when you follow Jesus' leadership? How does Jesus define greatness?
5. *Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-13.* How could your success allow God to bring “good” into the world?
6. *Read Ecclesiastes 3:14.* What could you do to allow your work to effect eternity? How do you think that would bring more or less satisfaction to your life?
7. Write down what your definition of success will be moving forward in your life. What will you need to change to begin living out this definition?

MOVING FORWARD

Reflect on the definition of success that has driven you so far in your life. How is that different from how Jesus is leading you now? Read Matthew 6:33 and create a simple plan for how you will seek God this week and allow Him to bring meaning and perspective to your life.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind. Ecclesiastes 4:4