



PART 4 - AND THE CHASE IS ON!

ECCLESIASTES 2:1-13

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MESSAGE NOTES

**BIG IDEA FOR THE WEEK: _____ THE PLEASURES
OF THIS LIFE KEEPS US FROM THE BALANCE WE DESIRE**

**1. CHASING PLEASURE WILL NEVER _____ US
WHAT WE THINK WE NEED**

**2. CHASING PLEASURE WILL NEVER _____ US
WHAT WE ACTUALLY NEED**

SMALL GROUP AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why? Which part of this passage is easiest for you? The hardest?

2. Solomon “denied himself nothing his eyes desired” (v.10). If you look at our culture today, what are some ways people today try to find meaning in chasing pleasure?

3. What is the difference between enjoying pleasures as gifts and chasing pleasures as ultimate meaning?

4. Which do you think is harder for people today: overworking for satisfaction, or overindulging for satisfaction? Why?

5. Looking back at the last month, what has filled most of your calendar? Is it chasing pleasures? Pursuing productivity? Is it your time with God? What does this answer say about your priorities?

6. How does chasing after Jesus fulfill what Solomon realized pleasures never could? What is one thing you can do this week to pursue a relationship with Jesus more completely?

God, thank You for being a God who wants a relationship with us. Help me to reject the idea that chasing after pleasures will satisfy me. Even as the world pursues pleasure and the comforts of this life, let me find my satisfaction and balance in chasing after You, Jesus. In Your Name, amen.