



## Chasing The Wind Study Guide

**Bible Text:** Ecclesiastes 12

**Big Idea:** A life under the Son is to fear the Lord and keep his commandments.

### Open Up

What has been your biggest take away from our study in Ecclesiastes? How has this series developed your understanding of this book and the wisdom books as a whole?

### Dig In

**Read Ecclesiastes 12:11-12**

*“A goad is a traditional farming implement used to drive and guide livestock, particularly oxen, during plowing or other agricultural tasks. It is typically a long, pointed stick or rod, sometimes with a metal tip, used to prod the animals to move in the desired direction. The goad is mentioned in several passages of the Bible, both in literal and metaphorical contexts.” (Smith’s Topical Encyclopedia)*

How does this definition help understand Solomon’s simile? Who is the “One Shepherd” that Solomon is referring to? How does God’s wisdom correct and guide our lives?

**Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

Why do you think Solomon concluded his writing with this advice? How is his message to live in fear of God different from advice we get from our world today?

What does it mean to fear God?

**Read 1 John 5:2-3**

What does it mean to love God? How does love of and obedience to God go hand-in-hand?

What does it mean that we would find God’s commandments unburdensome? How does following God’s command bring freedom and transformation?

### Close Out

Where can you search for God’s wisdom in your life this week? How can you challenge your perspective of God’s commandments?