

LIFEgroup Questions

Ecclesiastes 1

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Cross References: **Proverbs 26:4-5; 1 Kings 11:1-43; Malachi 3:13-18; Romans 8:18-25;**

1. Part of this chapter is presented in the 3rd person (“says the preacher,” v2), while part is presented in the 1st person (“I, the preacher,” v12). What could this shift suggest?
2. Ecclesiastes is considered “wisdom literature.” Does wisdom literature appear to contradict at times? (Consider: Proverbs 26:4-5) Why might this be?
3. What explanation does Paul give for the current futility of creation? (Romans 8)
4. Many suggest that Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon as he turned back to the Lord at the end of his life. How does Scripture present the end of Solomon’s life? (1 Kings 11)
5. How can the act of remembering be an act of righteousness? (Malachi 3)
6. Should our inability to change things lead to despair? Why or why not?
7. Compare “the preacher’s” thinking with the philosophy of the world today?

Vanities of a Christ-less Perspective

1. How does “the preacher’s” thinking match the philosophy of the world?
2. In what ways am I tempted to live by this philosophy?
3. How can this passage help me treasure Christ more?

