

# Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

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"Vanity" (in the ESV) shows up a lot in Ecclesiastes. Look up the word in a Bible dictionary. What does the author mean by this term?

How does the Preacher express the symptoms of living in a fallen world? In what ways do you hear our culture echoing the same themes?

The Preacher looks to nature for illustration (sun, wind, streams) to help us reflect on his thought. Are there any similar illustrations from nature that make his point?

The Preacher is not on a mission to clearly articulate the gospel. How does a clear understanding of the gospel either support a point he made in this passage, or correct an observation the Preacher makes?

Zack Eswine says, "The Proverbs focus on the norms and rules. Ecclesiastes focuses on the exceptions." How can these "exceptions" assist us in evangelism?

How were you challenged, convicted, or comforted by this passage?