

**Food for thought**

**1/2/22**

**Life is a vapor**

**Everything is fleeting**

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-11**

### **Day 1 – Understanding the passage**

Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- Wisdom literature has some similarities to poetry.
  - What are some of the repeated words and ideas?
  - Sometime the lines will form a couplet where the first and second line mirror each other.
- State the main point of this passage in one sentence.

### **Day 2 – Taking stock of our lives**

- Are we making progress as people?
- Where do you feel like a lot of effort just seems wasted in the world?
- List some of the things people in this world give their lives to pursuing. Is it worth it? Why or why not?
- What are areas where you wonder if the effort you put in was worth it?
- Are you making progress as a person?

### **Day 3 – Applying the Bible to our lives**

- How are we, as followers of Christ, able to respond to the meaninglessness found in chapter 1?
- Is “everything under the sun” (3b) everything there is? What is the preacher leaving out?
- How does knowing Christ give an answer that the natural world can’t:
  - the seeming meaninglessness of life since the world keeps going on with or without us
  - there is nothing new under the sun
  - we are never satisfied
  - nothing will be remembered

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