Studies from Ecclesiastes on life and living

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Today's Study:
Finding Satisfaction (or not)

Life under the Sun

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Notes cont'd...

going deeper (for family or small group study)...

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

- What do you think the "heavy burden on mankind" mentioned in v 13 is?
- Why should we even listen to this Preacher? What are his credentials? (2:10,11)
- Here he mentions wisdom, pleasure, and worldly accomplishments/work as areas where he sought satisfaction. With which of those have you sought satisfaction? Has it worked? Why or why not?
- What does he conclude it is good to do? Vs24-26
- According to the Preacher, what is the best we can expect from this life under the sun? Who can experience that (v 26)?
- The Preacher seeks for satisfaction in wisdom/knowledge, pleasure, and work, and doesn't find it. Yet he suggests that those are gifts from God (v 24, 25).
  - When is gaining wisdom and knowledge good? When does it become wrong?
  - When is pleasure good? When does it become wrong?
  - When is having possessions good? When does it become wrong?
  - When is work good? When does it become wrong?
- Solomon (the Preacher) suggests that we can find satisfaction "**in**" work. Is there a difference between satisfaction "in" work and satisfaction from work or from its results?
- Solomon had lots of money and power and time. What would you do with lots of money and time if you had it? Why?