

# ECCLESIASTES

ANCIENT WISDOM FOR REAL LIFE

**Bursting the Bubble**

*Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:26*

Sunday, June 21, 2020

3. \_\_\_\_\_ from his \_\_\_\_\_ (2:24–26)

- Enjoy \_\_\_\_\_
- Pleasure is \_\_\_\_\_
- Pleasure \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Pleasing God is \_\_\_\_\_

Today we continue our Summer study of the book of Ecclesiastes. Our text challenges the notion that we can find fulfillment and meaning by being “great” in life. Instead, reaching greatness could be one of the most precarious, difficult, and confusing experiences of your life. However, the path towards the greatness we’ve always desired leads another way; true and lasting greatness can only be achieved in God.

1. Searching out the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12-18; 2:12-18)

- **Journey:** Sought out great \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- **Conclusion:** All was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ after the wind
- **Result:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and I \_\_\_\_\_ life
- **Reason:** Both the wise and fool \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_

2. Searching out the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1–11, 18–23)

- **Journey:** I kept my \_\_\_\_\_ from no \_\_\_\_\_
- **Conclusion:** All was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ after the wind
- **Result:** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- **Reason:** Someone \_\_\_\_\_ gets it \_\_\_\_\_

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Doing Time** | Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

*During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.*

### Connecting Together

*What are your plans for this unique Summer?*

### Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Read Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:26 together. How did you come under God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you? What did you learn or what were you reminded of in this study?
2. Which "Summit" did you identify with the most? What has that looked like for you in your life?
3. Can you identify with some of the disappointing "Results" of these journeys towards wisdom and pleasure in your own life? What did that look like for you?

4. How does Jesus make true and lasting pleasure possible?
5. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** Is your Growth Group able to honestly share and discuss the ways you've wrongfully sought out meaning and significance via wisdom and pleasure? If not, how can your Growth Group create enough safety and trust where those sorts of conversations can happen? If so, how can you embody the gentleness and lowliness of Christ as a group when sins are confessed to one another?
6. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** How does this passage equip your group to engage our world of "greatness" seekers with the Gospel? Who are some individuals you can reach out to this Summer? How will you do that?

### Praying Together

- Pray for the checking and dissipation of this Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the the healing of individuals and communities that contracted the Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the safety of healthcare and others working on the frontlines of the Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for the financial provision of businesses and individuals who have lost work because of this Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for wisdom for county, state and national leaders as they make crucial decisions during this Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for racial reconciliation in our world.
- Pray for protection for those seeking to do justice.