

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Passage Reflection

This page is meant for individuals, small group Bible studies, or one-on-one interactions. Since learning more about the text's meaning in our corporate gathering, I would encourage you to meditate on the passage again so that you might respond to God in praise and obedience.

While I have not answered all of the questions below for you, I've included some of my personal meditations that may be of some benefit. May reflection on this passage be used by God to conform you into the image of Christ.

-Pastor Andrew

What do I learn about God?

God is not mentioned in this passage. However, in this introduction we can see what the Preacher has come to understand – life does not provide ultimate satisfaction. We can be sure that God has providentially not allowed us to be completely fulfilled by anything that is “under the sun”.

Is there anything for which I should repent based on this text?

Have I been seeking satisfaction in anything more than God?

How might God use this passage to make me look more like Christ?

Christ's food (what kept Him going and nourished) was to do God's will. Above anything else, communion with the Father was essential to Christ. May this be more true of me.

How does this passage affect evangelism?

One of the messages that we should be honest about is that nothing under the sun will ultimately satisfy.

How can I edify the church based on what this passage says?

I can encourage my brothers and sisters to find their joy in Christ. Appreciating blessings and things that God has given us on this earth is appropriate. But, ultimately finding our heart's rest is based on the wonderful relationship we have with Him.

Prayer