

If You Only Look Around You (7/2/23)

Main Verses: Ecclesiastes 1:12-15

Key Verse: Ecclesiastes 1:14

'Takeaway': If you try to understand life by only looking around you, it won't make sense. But when you also look above you, to God, you find the wisdom all of us really, really need.

Getting Started: Where do you look for wisdom?



READ: Ecclesiastes 1:12-15 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Who is the Teacher?
- What did he do?
- What did he decide?

Elementary:

- Who is the Teacher? How does his identity add “weight” to his words?
- What does he say is a miserable task?
- Why does he say that everything is pointless?
- What do you think he learned in his pursuit of wisdom?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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