



reality check

Ecclesiastes 1.1-14

This discussion guide includes preparation BEFORE the group and some guidance DURING the group meeting. Preparation before the group will help you, your leader, and your group to engage and respond to the living and active Word of God.

PREPARATION BEFORE THE GROUP MEETS:

The aim of this preparation is to encourage good & prayerful observation of the text of God's word and the joyful experience of discovering its truth.

Pray & read Ecclesiastes 1.1-14

What strikes you about this reading?

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Do you have any questions about this reading?

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How does this reading make you feel?

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What do you think in response to this reading?

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What will you do in response to this reading?

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS: Pray for your discussion time

read Ecclesiastes 1.1-14 – the circle of life

- what is the **context** for the *Teacher* and his teachings (what is his method)?
- share what you have **observed** in the text (repeated words, linking words, verbs):
- discuss the **meaning** of the text (including questions you may have about **meaning**):
- Work together to form a one sentence summary of this passage:

read John 3.1-21 – the goal of life

- What perspective does the teacher Jesus have that the teacher Solomon lacks?
- How does the reality of eternity **apply** to you and the meaninglessness of life under the sun?
- How does living to glorify God now (v21) **apply** to you and the meaninglessness of life under the sun?

PRAY!