

# Ecclesiastes

## Study #1



Meaninglessness

...

A chasing after  
the Wind

**Discuss (ice breaker)**

What things give you meaning in life? (E.g. family, studies, achievements ) Give your reasons as well.

Choose one of the things you mentioned above. What would cause that thing to become meaningless? (eg. You study very hard but still fail your exams).

**Read Chapter 1: 1 – 11**

What is the main theme of the book?  
V2.

What does the writer mean by the phrase “Meaningless” or some translations “Vanities of vanities” ?

What examples does the writer use to make his point?

a. v4

b. v5

c. v6

d. v7

e. v8

f. v9

How do these examples show that everything is meaningless?

Do you agree or disagree with the writer's explanations ? Why?

### **Read Chapter 2:1-11**

What has the writer achieved in his life?

V4 – 6

V7

V8

V9

What conclusion does the writer make about his life? V10-11

Do you agree with his conclusion? Give your reasons.

What do you think the writer is looking for to give him meaning?

### **Read Luke 12 :13 –21**

What did the rich man spend his life doing ? v18-19

Why did Jesus call the rich man a “fool” ?

V15

V20-21

## **Conclusion.**

How would you evaluate your life up to the present time?  
On a scale of 1- 10 what you give to rate your life in terms of  
meaningfulness?

Just imagine (or pretend) that you are diagnosed with a terminal  
illness and are given only 6 months to live. Now re rate your life  
again according to the scale of 1-10. What is the rate of  
meaningfulness of your life? If it has changed tell us why has it  
changed?

Just imagine if you were like the rich man and you were facing God  
like in v20 of Jesus' story. Do you think your life will be acceptable  
to God? Give your reasons.

