

Chasing the Wind

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Ecclesiastes 1-2, p.461

Today we begin the task of attempting to answer the question: "What is the meaning of life?"

Each of us will find ourselves in this book!

- Ecclesiastes 1:2 sets the tone
- Ecclesiastes 1:3 asks the question
- Ecclesiastes 1:4 concludes

Why should we listen to the Teacher? (Ecclesiastes 1:1, 12)

Where do we typically think we will discover the meaning to life? (Ecclesiastes 1:12 – 2:16)

Where does chasing after the wind take us? (Ecclesiastes 2:17-26)

THE **ONE THING:** What are you chasing?

NFXTSTEPS

- O Contemplate/memorize **ECCLESIASTES 2:24-25**.
- O Read Ecclesiastes out loud in one sitting.
- O How have you chased the wind?
- O Other_____

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?

- 1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
- 2. Read MARK 8:34-38 together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
- 3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
- 4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life? (Share a specific: "I will...")
- 5. Who will you share with before we meet again? (Name a specific person you plan to **share with.**)

If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org