

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

For the sake of time, you may want to choose one or two questions.

Warm Up

Have you ever read the Book of Ecclesiastes? What were your initial impressions?

Read

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Discuss

1. Does it surprise you that some early Christians questioned whether or not the Book of Ecclesiastes should be included in the Bible? Why would they wonder about this?
2. How would you summarize what the author is saying in this passage? Can you describe a time in your life when you felt the same way the author feels?
3. Would you agree that sometimes we want to "get to the answer" before we have "lived with the question"? Why is it important to thoroughly name, own and explore our questions and struggles before we embrace answers and solutions?
4. Is there ever a time that it is good to be depressed over something? Can depression ever be positive? Why or why not?
5. At your current place and stage of life, what advice would you give to the author of Ecclesiastes? If a good friend came to you and said what the author says in 1:1-11, how would you respond?



Wrap Up:

Spend time in prayer together.