

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

To whom do you go to for advice? Do you have someone older than you that you regularly consult for guidance?

What motivates you to get out of bed each morning? What dream are you chasing? If someone were to ask you "What is your purpose in life?" what would you say?



Read

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Discuss

- 1. Can you relate to any of the pursuits the author mentions in verses 1-11 of chapter 2? Which ones? Are any of these things motivating you right now? Be honest!
- 2. Read verse 10 of chapter 2 again. What do you make of the author's statement in this verse? What has been the author's reward for his toil?
- 3. Read verse 11 of chapter 2 again. Think carefully about the author's use of the phrase "chasing after the wind." What do you think he means by this phrase?
- 4. What is the overall value of what the author says in chapter 2? How does this chapter provide wisdom and guidance for life today? How can the author of Ecclesiastes serve as an older--and wiser--friend and guide?

Wrap Up:

Spend time in prayer together.