

DIGGING DEEPER

Sermon: **What is the Meaning of Life?**
 Senior Sunday--2008
Scripture: Selected Scriptures in Ecclesiastes



GETTING STARTED

In what ways does our society promote the idea that meaning and satisfaction in life can be found in labor, luxury, leisure and learning?

BIBLE STUDY

1. It is commonly accepted that the Book of Ecclesiastes was authored by King Solomon. How does knowing this help us to appreciate the significance of what the author says?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 1:13. What is important about his use of the words:
 - “devote”:
 - “to study”:
 - “to explore”:
3. Read Ecclesiastes 2:17-23. How would you describe Solomon at this point in his search for meaning in life? What has caused him to be this way?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 4:4. Do you agree with Solomon’s conclusion? Why or why not?
5. How do you explain Solomon’s radical change of heart described in Ecclesiastes 2:24-26?
6. How does Solomon describe the two-fold duty of man in Ecclesiastes 12:13?
 - How does 12:14 help us to stay motivated to live in accordance with verse 13?

APPLY IT

As you consider the various areas of life in which we tend to seek meaning and satisfaction (labor, luxury, leisure and learning), which one area do you find yourself most struggling with today?

- What have you learned from this lesson to help you to put that area of your life in proper perspective?