



## Searching for Meaning Ecclesiastes 1: 1-18

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*“Meaningless! Meaningless! Says the Teacher. Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” Ecc. 1:14*

Are you a skeptic?  
You may be surprised that the Bible openly questions our lifestyles in order to test what is true and meaningful.

Today be ready to learn from the “Preacher” as he points to the emptiness of life without God.

Ohana Groups gather to share, pray, and live out God’s Word together.

### 1. Ecclesiastes Tears Us Free from Living Meaningless Lives

Vanity! Life without God at the center is like smoke. (1:2)

Stop! -Labor that promises but doesn’t deliver. (1:3)

“What will you spend your life laboring?”

-Cycles that end where they start and go nowhere. (4-11)

“What in your life will last?”

-Chasing wisdom that ends in more sorrow.

“Where is your knowledge leading you?”

*What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?*

### 2. Philippians Calls Us to Live a Life Filled With the Joy of Jesus

Replace “I” with “Christ Jesus” 7 Xs (Phi 1: 1-11)

Replace life “under the sun” with life “Under the Son!” (1:2)

Replace cynicism with thanks. (1:3)

Replace toil with joyful prayer. (1:4)

Replace futile cycles with confidence in Christ’s completion.(6)

Replace lostness with loving insight. (7-11)