

Ecclesiastes

The Search for Meaning

Restlessness

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

We can have everything without satisfaction.

- A life without satisfaction is unbearable.
- A life without satisfaction is broken.

Hungry hearts - *v.7*

Wisdom's limits - *v.8*

Have vs. want - *v.9*

We can't change or beat the system.

1. Who can tell us where to find the good life?
2. Who can tell us how to make life count?

Rest for the restless heart begins and ends with God.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Why do you think the most depressing passage of the book comes at its very center? Review the entire book and see if you find a change in tone coming after this chapter.
- 2) Where does the ability to enjoy life come from? (See 5:18-20) Why would God give it to some and not to others? Do you think Solomon had it? Do you?
- 3) In what way is a stillborn baby better than a person without satisfaction? Should we expect life to be depressing at times? Is it a sin to go through down times? (See Job 3:11-26)
- 4) How can we find true satisfaction in this life? How much can we expect in this life as compared with the life to come? (See 2 Corinthians 4:7-12,16-18)

Memory Verse
John 17:3

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”