

Chasing Shades

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Key Things You Heard

- VARK Model of Learning: Visual, Auditory, Reading/Writing, Kinesthetic
- Solomon pursued pleasure, projects, possessions, power, profession, and position.
- Leveraging the things of this life for eternity.

Pray

Heavenly Father, let us learn the lessons of life from the teaching of Solomon. Let us find our purse in you. And let us evaluate our hearts and lives and bring them in alignment with your will and purpose. Amen.

Tweetable Moments

“Experience is a great teacher, but it comes with a high price tag.”

“If you have to learn life lessons experientially, choose to engage in areas where you have seen massive success.”

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Questions for Conversation

Icebreaker: Do you have a favorite carnival or theme park memory? Would you be willing to share it?

- Read **Ecclesiastes 2:1-3**. Discuss ways in your life where you have tried to find meaning in laughter, substances, or folly (foolishness.) What did you learn? We often think of people who have addiction problems when we think of substances or folly. But what are ways we embrace these things when addiction isn't involved?
- Read **Ecclesiastes 2:4-6**. What is the American dream? Do you see any connection between this passage and the American dream? Explain. How does seeing this connection impact your thoughts and your life? Is this passage saying you should never build a house or plant vineyards? Why or why not?
- Read **Ecclesiastes 2:11**. What does Solomon mean when he says, "Under the sun." What does this phrase tell us about us? What does it tell us about God?
- **Ecclesiastes 2:17-23**. After reading this passage as a group, allow everyone to discuss the similarities between life in Solomon's time and life in ours. Finally, how does knowing these things help you look at or evaluate you are living life now?

Now Go Do It (resources and next steps)

Challenge: To continue to wrap your head and your thoughts around Ecclesiastes, watch this YouTube video by Landon McDonald. [Ecclesiastes In 7 Minutes](#).