



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Searching for Meaning”**

### **Complement to sermon on October 2, 2016 – “In the Midst of the Meaningless”**

#### **MEMORIZE – Ecclesiastes 12:13**

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of all people.

#### **READ Ecclesiastes 1 & 12: 8-14**

#### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Verse 1 says, “the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.” Who is this referring to? Look up other areas in the bible and write down what you find out about this wise son of David.
4. V11 says that “there is no remembrance of former things.” Why do you think that is?
5. Verses 6-8 speak of monotonous repetition. What does monotonous mean? What things in your life feel like monotonous repetition?
6. Verse 8 ends with “the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.” What does this phrase mean and what is the Preacher calling us to do by saying it?
7. Read v18 again. Where have you experienced this yourself? What are examples from everyday life where you see this truth? Does this mean we shouldn’t increase knowledge? If not, what does it mean?

**Bottom Line - Give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture:**

## **Experiential**

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of Ecclesiastes 1. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

### **21 Day Daily Remembrance**

For the next 21 days, write in a journal one thing you want to remember from that day. Each day reflect on what was written before and add to it. Let this be your way of focusing on the meaningful in the midst of the meaningless.

### **Like Clock Work**

Is your daily routine as monotonous as the preacher describes in verses 6&7? Figure it out. Write down your schedule. Take an honest look to see how different or similar your days are. Are you falling into a cycle of meaninglessness? What are you intentionally doing to focus on the meaningful? What are things you can do to be more intentional at focusing on and pursuing the meaningful in the midst of the monotonous?

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**I owe the Lord a Morning Song** - Mennonite Hymnal #479

A great song to start the day with gratitude to the Lord

**How can I keep from Singing** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vh\\_8rTBpvRU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vh_8rTBpvRU)

No matter what we face we can sing praises to our great God through Christ

## **PRAY**

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

**Sending prayer based on the lesson:** Lord, as we go through our day, help us live with purpose and meaning, guide our eyes to those who need you, guide our ears to be drawn to those crying out for help, and give us the boldness to introduce those around us to you Jesus, Amen.