



## INTRODUCTION

Does pleasure hold the key to life? Avoid pain and maximize pleasure? Qoheleth explains pleasure for pleasure's sake is vanity and striving after the wind.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- What do you and the people around you think is necessary to be truly happy? Does your brain and heart give different answer?

## REVIEW

- What pleasure did Qoheleth try?
- What was Qoheleth's conclusion? Do you agree with his conclusion? Why or Why not?

## APPLICATION

- What do you most want to have right now: Job; relationship; possession, etc? What do you think getting it will do for you? What will getting it not do for you?
- What is the Bible's position on pleasure? Are we made for pleasure?
- Why do we continue to think possessing more than we have right now will make us happy when we are not happy with what we have?
- Were you given the impression growing up in church that pleasure was to be avoided? Why do you think that was what you were taught?
- What do we need to do so that we find our satisfaction in God? What specific acts will help us delight in Him above all?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs