



# CONNECT

- What's a project you've worked on that you're really proud of?
- Do you think it's worthwhile trying to answer the question, "What's the meaning of life?" Why or why not?
- When's the last time you were disappointed with a purchase?

# RECAP

Here's the Teacher's big claim: everything under the sun is vanity. In chapter two of Ecclesiastes, he takes us on a journey to prove it. He shows us how he plumbed the depths of everything under the sun, and even the greatest possible experiences weren't what he was searching for.

## MAIN THEMES

**Big Idea:** Even the summits under the sun can't be the source of the meaning we crave.

**Christ-Connect:** Jesus didn't receive gain from sinners; rather he took loss for sinners.

**Application:** We must make Jesus our true gain, then we can enjoy life under the sun.

# *READ & DISCUSS*

## **READ**

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

## **DISCUSS**

The Teacher scaled the heights of pleasure and human achievement, but it wasn't the true gain he was looking for. In your own thinking, what metaphorical mountain are you most drawn to as a source of meaning?

# *READ & DISCUSS*

## **READ**

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

## **DISCUSS**

Nothing under the sun can be our source of meaning. Only God can. The beautiful thing about making God your source of meaning is that you are then able to enjoy life's simple pleasures. How do you see this impacting the way you order your own life?

# *READ & DISCUSS*

## **READ**

Philippians 3:7-11

## **DISCUSS**

For Paul, nothing compares to knowing Jesus. In Christ, he found his true gain. What is it about Jesus that makes knowing him true gain? In what ways have you experienced this in your own life?

# *PRAYER*

Read Philippians 3:7-11 again slowly. Spend time glorifying Jesus for the true treasure he is.

# *DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN*

- Have you read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with?



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