

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

- 1. As we begin our study of Ecclesiastes, what can we learn about the author (vv. 1, 12, 16, 2:4-9? See also I Kings 2:12, 3:5-14, 4:20-34, 10:23-24, and 11:9-13.
- 2. What examples did the author use to support his point in verse 2 that "all is vanity?" (Some versions use the words "futility" or "meaningless" in place of the word "vanity.")
- 3. If it was God who ultimately gave Solomon his wisdom and knowledge (I Kings 3:12, 4:29, 10:24), then what was the responsibility of Solomon to steward his wisdom well (vv.13, 17)? What conclusions did he reach in verse 18?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

- 1. How does your diligence in learning about the things of God compare to the time you invest in the things of this world (sports statistics, social media, etc.)? What strategies help you reorder your priorities to wholeheartedly pursue God?
- 2. When have you sought God's wisdom, and, as a result, strengthened your relationship with Him?
- 3. Discuss verse 18 and give examples of this truth from your own life.

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

- 1. Heavenly Father, in this age of unlimited information, help us devote our minds to things of eternal value.
- 2. Protect us, O God, from a spirit of discouragement as we experience the futility of life.
- 3. May we continue to put our trust in You, Lord Jesus, as You alone give meaning and purpose to all of our days.