

MINING THE MESSAGE

TITLE: Piercing the Clouds

SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

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BIG IDEA:

The massive clouds of life are pierced by the point of Ecclesiastes!

OUTLINE:

1. Be Taught by Education (1:12-18)
2. ...And By Pleasures (2:1-11)
3. ...And By Death (2:12-23)
4. ...To Enjoy Life!!! (2:24-26)

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

- 1 What makes the pursuit of knowledge an unsatisfying pursuit? What is the value of continually learning? How can we delight in a pursuit of knowledge?
- 2 Read John 15:9-11. What does Jesus say that will lead to true joy? How can this change our thinking about the pursuits in our own life?

HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?

- 1 What is your current perspective on your circumstances? How can you find joy in all the circumstances that you are experiencing (even the hard ones)?
- 2 Remember that what you gain in this life will be passed on to be used by others. What priorities do you need to change, so that you can enjoy God's blessings?

LIVE IT OUT

Inventory your current complaints. Give 3 praises to God in relation to those complaints. List 1 way the Lord is helping you grow in your circumstance. Seek to serve someone within that circumstance. PLAN TO ENJOY THE CIRCUMSTANCE YOU ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT.

READ AHEAD

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-22. How does Solomon's wisdom from this chapter help us rejoice?

