

# MINING THE MESSAGE

**TITLE:** Live Life Backwards

**SCRIPTURE:** Ecclesiastes 1:1-2

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## **BIG IDEA:**

The message of Ecclesiastes: be informed by reality and live life backwards!

## **OUTLINE:**

1. Let's Remember the Original Goal (Genesis 1-3)
2. Let's Recognize the Original Author(s) (1)
3. Let's Resolve the Ongoing Reality (2)

## **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**

- 1 Reflect on Genesis 1-3. What was the original goal for mankind? How should the original goal influence our life in Christ?
- 2 Read 1 Kings 3:3-14. What makes Solomon qualified to write about the pursuits of life? How does his wisdom influence his interpretation of what is truly satisfying?

## **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**

- 1 What are you pursuing or what have you pursued from this world that you think will bring satisfaction? How did it fall short to bring true satisfaction?
- 2 How do you have complete satisfaction in Christ? What are things you can do to grow in that satisfaction? What are signs or fruit of true satisfaction in Christ?

## **LIVE IT OUT**

Examination time!!! List the desires that you want to see satisfied in your life (comfort, peace, success, etc.) List the people, objects, or duties that you have pursued to get those desires satisfied. Identify which of these are vanity or fruitless endeavors.

## **READ AHEAD**

