

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Ecclesiastes 1 and 2 (don't get too depressed)

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king of Jerusalem:

² *'Meaningless! Meaningless!'*
says the Teacher.

'Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.'

- How aware of this book were you before Sunday? How does it affect your appreciation and view of the Bible, that it contains a book like this?
- Before you came to faith, what would you say that you effectively lived for? What gave you meaning – or did you shy away from thinking about it?
- Wisdom, Wine, Wealth, Work and Women. Which of these answers to the meaning question is the most compelling? Why? Which one do you think most people outside of church derive meaning from? Which is the most popular in our culture? What does that look like?
- Why is it important to think through the implications of life without God (life under the sun)? Why does the Bible spend so much time – a whole book – on these kinds of questions?
- Read chapter 12. *'Remember your creator'*. Why is it important to factor God into all of our lives, not just Sunday and religious contexts? How do we practically remember the creator on a day to day basis?
- How can we share the good news with our friends outside of church? What can we do practically to help them think through these big questions? How much do we care about them finding hope?

Big Idea: "What's the Point" is ultimately not a philosophical question but a Relational one. We can only find true meaning for our lives in relation to the God who created us.'

Pray together and share the areas where you feel tempted to live for Wisdom, Wine, Wealth, Work and Women. Name the friends that you have who don't know Jesus and ask God for greater compassion for them. Pray for opportunities to share faith with them, to have the big conversations and to invite them to Alpha or other church events.