

# Discussion Guide

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## Ecclesiastes Introduction

1. Do you enjoy thinking deeply or not and why?
2. Where is Ecclesiastes located in the Bible and what does that tell us about the book? Why is that helpful?
3. What does Proverbs 2:1-5 tell us about wisdom and how did Pastor Arnie apply that to our preparation for studying Ecclesiastes?
4. What stood out to you in this sermon and why?
5. Have you ever studied the book of Ecclesiastes? If you have, what do you remember?
6. What other books in the Wisdom section of the Old Testament have you studied? How might they inform your study of Ecclesiastes?
7. What did Pastor Arnie have to say about Ecclesiastes 12:11?
8. Why did Pastor Arnie give a warning to those that struggle with depression, melancholy and mood swings? Do you believe the warning was needed? Why or why not?
9. What did Pastor Arnie say about the “Chief end of man” and what does it have to do with our study of this book?
10. Why is 1 Corinthians 10:31 so important to keep in mind in all of life?
11. What is the powerful two-word phrase that is repeated in the Old and New Testament that should give the believer great hope and why should it give the believer great hope?
12. What does Pastor Arnie say about Psalm 16:11?
13. Out of the following major themes in the book of Ecclesiastes which ones are you drawn to and why?
  - The Tragic Reality of the Fall
  - The Vanity of Life
  - Sin and Death
  - The Joy and Frustration at Work
  - The Grateful Enjoyment of God’s Good Gifts
  - The Fear of God
14. Spend some time praying for Pastor Arnie as he prepares to preach through this book.