

ECCLESIASTES

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD
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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

This book studies the meaning of life. The author is called "The Teacher" and he looks at the subjects of: wisdom, pleasure, work, power, religion, among other things. All of these things have their place and are useful and have lasting value only if God is at the very center of a man's life.

Reverence and respect for God plus a genuine devotion to serving God are most important in giving meaning to life. Everything is "meaningless" without God.

ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 1

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What word is used four times in the first two verses? _____. Verse _____
2. Why doesn't the sea ever get filled up? _____. Verse _____
3. What is new under the sun? _____. Verse _____
4. What was explored by wisdom? _____. Verse _____
5. What is the conclusion reached in chapter 1? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ Even though generations come and go but the earth remains forever.
7. _____ History repeats itself over and over again.
8. _____ Solomon knew everything that was to be known.
9. _____ The Teacher studied wisdom but also madness and folly.
10. _____ A person can never catch the wind and hold it.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Solomon say anything that would indicate that he thought the world was round?
12. _____ Do men remember what others have done in the past?
13. _____ Did Solomon study a great deal?
14. _____ Is the term "a chasing after the wind" used more than once in this chapter?
15. _____ Did much wisdom bring happiness to the Teacher?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What great projects did Solomon do? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What was the last thing that Solomon called “the delights of the heart of man”? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. With all his wisdom, what did Solomon gain in the world? _____ . Verse _____
4. What happens to all of the things that a man has worked all of his life for? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What is it that a man can find nothing better to do? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a “T” or an “F” in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ Solomon never denied himself of anything that would give him pleasure.
7. _____ The life of a man is considered short.
8. _____ Solomon found delight in his work.
9. _____ Solomon loved all of the things that he had worked for.
10. _____ The man who pleases God is given wisdom, knowledge and happiness.

YES OR NO

(Put a “Y” or a “N” in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Did Solomon try to get cheered up by drinking wine?
12. _____ Was anyone in the kingdom as rich as Solomon?
13. _____ Did Solomon love life?
14. _____ Will wisdom ever give rest to the mind?
15. _____ Will the wealth of a sinner be given to those who please God?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 3

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Finish this sentence "There is a time for _____". Verse _____
2. What has God set in the hearts of men? _____. Verse _____
3. What did the author find in the place of judgment and justice? _____. Verse _____
4. In what way are men like animals? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What is the lot of man? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ There is a time to kill.
7. _____ God does everything so that men might revere him.
8. _____ The same thing happens over and over again.
9. _____ Only the wicked will come for judgment.
10. _____ Both men and animals come from dirt and return to dirt.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Is there a time to be silent?
12. _____ Are the acts of God eternal?
13. _____ Does God test man?
14. _____ Does the author think everything is meaningless?
15. _____ Does any man know what will happen after he is gone?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 4

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Who are happier than those still living? _____. Verse _____
2. What is called a miserable business? _____. Verse _____
3. What happens to the man who falls and has a friend with him? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Who is better off, a king or a youth who has come from a prison? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What is called a “chasing after the wind” in this chapter? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a “T” or an “F” in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ The one who is better off than anyone else is the one who has not been born yet.
7. _____ A man’s work is never done.
8. _____ People sleep together to keep warm.
9. _____ People will follow a young man rather than the king.
10. _____ The successor to the king will not be liked as well as the king was.

YES OR NO

(Put a “Y” or a “N” in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Did those who shed tears have a comforter?
12. _____ Does a man labor because of envy of his neighbor?
13. _____ Is a rich man ever content with what he has?
14. _____ Is it true that the more strands a cord has the stronger it is?
15. _____ When a king becomes old, does he lack good judgment?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 5

SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why is it better to listen rather than to offer sacrifice? _____ . Verse _____
2. When you make a vow to God, how should you fulfill it? _____ . Verse _____
3. When is a rich man satisfied with his wealth? _____ . Verse _____
4. What obligation does a man have to his son? _____ . Verse _____
5. What is called the gift of God in this chapter? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ We should let our words be few because God is in both heaven and upon the earth.
7. _____ It is good to make a vow even if you cannot fulfill it.
8. _____ The higher in government you go the greater the injustice.
9. _____ When a person dies, he takes nothing with him.
10. _____ Not everyone who is rich has been blessed by God.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Should a person speak up when he is in the house of God?
12. _____ Can your mouth get you into trouble?
13. _____ Should you be surprised when you see the poor suppressed in a district?
14. _____ When you prosper, do you have many more friends?
15. _____ Does God keep a good man busy?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 6
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What evil under the sun is seen by the author? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What kind of a man does not have a proper burial? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. What is it that has never seen the sun? _____ . Verse _____
4. What is more important than what you eat? _____ . Verse _____
5. What is compared to a shadow? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ If a man has a thousand children he will be happy.
7. _____ Everybody goes to the same place.
8. _____ What a man eats will make him satisfied.
9. _____ If you have friends you can overcome a stronger man.
10. _____ It is better to speak more and listen less.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Does it weigh heavily on someone who cannot enjoy his wealth?
12. _____ Does a stillborn child depart in darkness?
13. _____ Can a man's appetite ever be satisfied?
14. _____ Has every man already been known?
15. _____ Can anyone foretell the future?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 7

SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does the author think is better than being born? _____. Verse _____
2. What is it that corrupts the heart? _____. Verse _____
3. What two things are called a shelter in this chapter? _____. Verse _____
4. What does wisdom make a wise man? _____. Verse _____
5. What did the author find among a thousand? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ To listen to the song of fools is better than heeding a wise man's rebuke.
7. _____ No one can straighten what the Lord has made crooked.
8. _____ You should pay attention to everything that you overhear.
9. _____ Not one righteous woman could the author find.
10. _____ In the beginning God made man upright.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Should a good name be regarded highly?
12. _____ Is the heart of the wise and the heart of the fool in the same place?
13. _____ Should our spirit be quickly provoked?
14. _____ Can there be one righteous man found in all the earth?
15. _____ Is wickedness stupid?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 8
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What does wisdom do for a man? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Why should the reader obey the king's command? _____ . Verse _____
3. Who has the power over someone's death? _____ . Verse _____
4. What happens when the sentence for a crime is not carried out quickly? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What is better than anything else under the sun? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ Anyone can say to the king, "What are you doing?"
7. _____ Some people can tell the future.
8. _____ Wicked men can live a long time.
9. _____ God can give a man long life.
10. _____ No man can comprehend all that goes on under the sun.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Is the word of a king supreme?
12. _____ It dangerous to obey every word of the king?
13. _____ Will the wicked live long?
14. _____ Does the author commend the enjoyment of life?
15. _____ Did the author claim to have seen all that God has done?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 9

SHORT ANSWERS

1. In short what conclusion did the author reach about the righteous? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What is in everything under the sun? _____ . Verse _____
3. What is a live dog better than? _____ . Verse _____
4. How should you do whatever your hands find to do? _____ . Verse _____
5. Who was it that saved the city? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ The living always has hope.
7. _____ When a man dies so does his love, his hate, and his jealousy.
8. _____ The author says that when a man enjoys his wife, life is full of meaning.
9. _____ The race is always to the swift.
10. _____ Evil times come unexpectedly.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Do all share the same destiny?
12. _____ Is madness in the heart of some men, not all?
13. _____ Is a person advised to always wear bright colors?
14. _____ Are time and chance a part of everyone's life?
15. _____ Are quiet word better than shouts?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 10
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What gives perfume a bad smell? _____. Verse _____
2. How should you react if a ruler becomes angry with you? _____. Verse _____
3. What did the author see slaves doing, and princes doing? _____. Verse _____
4. What is the snake charmer paid if the snake bites? _____. Verse _____
5. What happens when a man is lazy and his hands idle? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ When rulers put fools in high places that is to be desired.
7. _____ To break down a wall you may run into a snake.
8. _____ The fool talks too much.
9. _____ When the king is of noble birth the princes eat any time and get drunk?
10. _____ Money is the answer to everything.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

11. _____ Can a heart turn either to the right or to the left?
12. _____ If a man digs a pit should he be careful?
13. _____ Can a fool talk too much and get himself into trouble?
14. _____ Are idle hands the cause for a leaky roof?
15. _____ Should you be careful so that no bird overhears your words?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 11
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What happens when you cast your bread upon the waters? _____ . Verse _____
2. What happens when a tree falls to the north? _____ . Verse _____
3. When should you sow your seed? _____ . Verse _____
4. What is it that you know will succeed? _____ . Verse _____
5. What does the author call youth and vigor? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

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6. _____ You can never tell what will happen to the land.
7. _____ Clouds are full of water.
8. _____ It is not good to see the sun.
9. _____ Young people should be happy.
10. _____ God will bring even the young to judgment.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Should you be generous to the poor?
12. _____ Do the wind and the clouds indicate when you should plant?
13. _____ Will everyone have many days of darkness?
14. _____ Should a young man trust his heart?
15. _____ Should young people be anxious?

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ECCLESIASTES - Chapter 12
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What is God called in this chapter? _____. Verse _____
2. What will the keepers of the house do? _____. Verse _____
3. What will happen to the sound of birds? _____. Verse _____
4. When the silver cords breaks, what does that mean? _____. Verse _____
5. What is “fear God and keep his commandments” called? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a “T” or an “F” in one blank and the Psalm and verse in the other)

6. _____ There will be a time when the sun and the moon will grow dark.
7. _____ We should watch out for danger in the streets.
8. _____ When a man goes to his eternal home, he will live a long time.
9. _____ The teacher taught the people the wisdom he knew.
10. _____ God will bring both the good and the bad out of hiding.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Does pleasure grow less as a man grows older?
12. _____ Will the doors to the street be closed?
13. _____ Can a shattered pitcher carry any water from the spring?
14. _____ Did the teacher himself write this book?
15. _____ Does God remember EVERY deed that we do?

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