# Ecclesiastes Cottage Class Schedule

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Jan 2: Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Consider
What would you say is the purpose of life on earth?

Examine
Why was Solomon so dissatisfied with life?

Why does Solomon say the works we do are meaningless and like grasping for wind?

Apply
How should we examine the things we are doing in life?
Jan 9: Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

Consider
What priority should we give to leisure and fun in our lives?

Examine
When does pleasure become meaningless or even harmful?

How can we overcome the sorrow and grief of life?

Apply
What can we do to balance leisure, work and the gifts of God?
Jan 23: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4:3

Consider
What circumstances of life do you attempt to avoid?

Examine
What is meant by “He has made everything beautiful in its time”?

What made Solomon write, “Yet, better than both is he who has never existed,”?

Apply
How can we know the right time for something in our life?
Jan 30: Ecclesiastes 4:4-5:20

Consider
What value is there in the work we do?

Examine
What can we do to be content and not envious?

Why is abundance and power meaningless?

Apply
How can we develop good companions and avoid bad ones?
Feb 6: Ecclesiastes 6:1-7:14

Consider
How can one find satisfaction in life?

Examine
Why is it better to go to a house of mourning than a feast?

Why and how is wisdom a better protection than money?

Apply
How can we get rid of thinking about “the good old days” as better than now?
Feb 13: Ecclesiastes 7:15-8:17

Consider
How do you feel when you hear a negative thing said about you?

Examine
How do you feel when good people suffer and bad people prosper?

Why should we obey the laws of our government?

Apply
How does a proper reverence or fear of God help us?
Feb 27: Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

Consider
How does the era in which we live affect our lives?

Examine
How does hope affect the way we should live?

Why is the poor person’s wisdom looked down upon?

Apply
How do we grow in the wisdom that is better than strength?
Mar 6: Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

Consider
How do fools rise up to positions of responsibility or power?

Examine
Why is just a little folly so damaging to one’s reputation?

What are the consequences of laziness?

Apply
How can we stop foolishness from ruining our lives?
Mar 13: Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

Consider
Why is the effort we put forth more important than the results?

Examine
How does giving and sharing come back to us?

Why is it important to know we will be judged by God for what we do?

Apply
How can we remove sorrow and evil from our lives?
Mar 20: Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

Consider
When did you begin to seek your Creator?

Examine
Why is it important to establish a relationship with God before we are old?

What does the conclusion of Solomon’s search for purpose in life teach us?

Apply
How will you change what you focus on after studying Ecclesiastes?