

## Mosaic Teaching Guide

Teaching Series: *The Way of Wisdom*

Teaching Six: *Ecclesiastes—Learning from Futility*

### Ecclesiastes 1.12-14 and 2.24-26

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

There is nothing better for mortals than to eat and drink, and find enjoyment in their toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God; for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner he gives the work of gathering and heaping, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

### Question for Everyone:

On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being my glass is always half empty to 10 being my glass is always half full, where are you on this attitude toward life spectrum?

### Two Ecclesiastes Moments

#### A Book about Futility

The book of Ecclesiastes is perhaps the weirdest book in the Bible.

#### Brought to You by the Letter “Q”

The Hebrew word translated “teacher” in our text is Qoheleth.

#### The Quest for the Here and Now

#### The Quest for Joy

#### The Quest for Humility

#### Our Quest for Heaven

