The Emptiness of Life

Ecclesiastes (series #23)

Introduction: the relevancy of the book of Ecclesiastes

The author of the book: King Solomon

Ecclesiastes 1:1

1 Kings 11:1-10

The characteristics of the book

It is very negative

It is the opposite message of the Psalms

It is primarily natural revelation

The theme: the futility of life apart from God

-Ecclesiastes 1:2-3

Some specific areas of futility

Wisdom and knowledge 1:14-18

Pleasure 2:1-3

Things, possessions, and accomplishments 2:4-10

The key summary statements of the book

2:24, 3:12-13, 3:22, 5:18-19, 8:15

Life has meaning and purpose when you're right w/ God

The conclusion of the matter - 12:1, 12:13

- John 10:10 b