

**Sermon Application/Discussion Questions – 7/22/2018**  
**Sunday Message: Jason Reyes – Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**  
**Everyday Series: Pleasure**

1. What was the main point in this message? Explain it in your own words.
2. Why was the Preacher in this text so intent on exposing the futility of pursuing pleasure under the sun?
3. In what areas of life have you sought pleasure apart from God? In what ways has your experience with that pursuit been like the Preacher's?
4. How does the Preacher prepare us to experience the all-satisfying pleasure that comes from knowing God through faith in Christ? In a similar way, what is the connection between that pleasure and the Psalmist's assertion that with God, "...there is fullness of joy; at your [God's] right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11)
5. In the end, what will keep you from reaching the same conclusion as the Preacher, that all is "vanity." What steps is God calling you to take to pursue lasting pleasure with God and avoid the dead-end of striving to get meaning or fulfillment from created things, rather than from God, which is—at its root—idolatry? (It may be helpful to think in terms of something you need to do, something you need to turn from or something you need believe.)