

## **The Cycle of Life Discussion Questions**

Ecclesiastes 1:3-18

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1. Why does Solomon feel like everything is “vanity” or worthless? Is this really true about everything? Is there something that is not worthless? If so, what is it?
2. What do we gain from working? What is Solomon saying about work? Is he saying that we shouldn’t work? Why or why not?
3. How quickly do you feel like time goes? How did you feel about time when you were a kid? How do you feel about it now? What made the difference?
4. What do you want to pass on to the next generation before you are out of time? Why is this so important to you?
5. Why did God create a path for the sun and wind to follow? What have we learned from watching and tracking the patterns of the sun and wind?
6. What does the water cycle teach us about God?
7. Why does everything seem repetitive? What do we learn from doing things repeatedly? Do you like having a routine? Why or why not?
8. Why aren’t words enough? Why aren’t we satisfied with what we have?
9. Solomon said there was “nothing new under the sun,” yet in our world it always seems like something new is being invented. How do you explain this?
10. Why don’t we remember things from former generations? Are there things you remember using or being popular that kids today have no idea or understanding of what it was? Why does this happen?
11. How does forgetting the past cause us to repeat things from the past?
12. If we want future generations to know about God, what do we need to be doing?
13. What is the difference between earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom?
14. What did Solomon discover when he pursued earthly wisdom? Why was he frustrated by it?
15. If you are a Christian, what new things are you enjoying that God has given to you? If you are not a believer, would you like to find meaning for your life? Why or why not?