

FOOL'S GOLD

FINDING TREASURE THAT LASTS

Discussion Guide “Chasing Bubbles” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter If you could instantly achieve one goal, buy one thing, or experience one moment you’ve been looking forward to, what would it be, and why do you think it would make you happy? Do you think the excitement would last, or would you eventually find yourself wanting something else?

Sermon Summary

What happens when we spend our lives chasing things that promise fulfillment but never truly satisfy? Discover through Solomon’s wisdom in Ecclesiastes that lasting purpose isn’t found in what the world offers but in a relationship with God, trusting His goodness, relying on His grace, and living with an eternal perspective.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Ecclesiastes 1:1–11](#)

[Matthew 11:28](#)

[Romans 8:20–21](#)

[2 Corinthians 12:9–10](#)

[Hebrews 11:4](#)

[Psalms 31:15](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. Solomon had wisdom, wealth, and access to nearly every pleasure life could offer, yet he still struggled to find lasting fulfillment. What does this reveal about the things we often look to for happiness and purpose?
2. Pastor Daniel describes life as “chasing bubbles”—pursuing things that seem satisfying but never quite fulfill us. What are some things people tend to chase in hopes of finding happiness, security, or significance?
3. Pastor Daniel highlights how life can feel fleeting, exhausting, and never fully satisfying. Which of these struggles resonates most with you right now, and why?
4. What does it look like to release the illusion of control and trust God with circumstances you cannot change? What makes that difficult?

5. Pastor Daniel challenges us to live for what is beyond the sun by investing our lives in God's purposes. What would it look like for you to live with a greater eternal perspective, and what kind of legacy would you hope to leave?

Go Deeper

1. Study [Luke 12:13–21](#) (the rich fool). How can we tell when we're investing more in our earthly security than in the things that matter to God?
2. Study [John 4:4–30](#) (Jesus and the Samaritan woman). Where are you tempted to look for satisfaction apart from God, and what would it look like to draw more deeply from the life He offers?
3. Study [Luke 10:38–42](#) (Mary and Martha). What good responsibilities or activities might be competing with your time with God, and how could you bring greater balance to your life?
4. Study [Philippians 3:7–14](#) (Paul's heavenly perspective). What might you need to reconsider, release, or reprioritize so that knowing Christ becomes your greatest pursuit?

Apply

1. Take an honest look at where you spend your time, energy, and attention. Ask yourself whether those pursuits are drawing you closer to God or leaving you continually wanting more.
2. Identify one circumstance you have been trying to control. Pray about it, do what you can faithfully do, and surrender the outcome to God.
3. Set aside intentional time this week to be with God without distractions. Rather than focusing only on what you need to accomplish, spend time in prayer, Scripture, and worship.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to reveal any temporary pursuits that have taken priority over knowing Him and to help you find your deepest fulfillment in His presence.
2. Pray for the faith to release circumstances you cannot control and trust God's wisdom, timing, and purposes.
3. Ask God to renew your strength when you feel weary, remind you of His goodness, and help you depend on His grace rather than striving in your own strength.
4. Pray that God would help you use your time, spiritual gifts, relationships, and resources for His glory and leave a legacy that points others to Jesus.

Leadership Tip

The idea of chasing things that never fully satisfy can touch sensitive areas of people's lives, including ambition, finances, relationships, and personal struggles. Begin by sharing a relatable example of something you once thought would make you happy but didn't fulfill you as expected. This can help establish a comfortable environment for others to participate.

As the discussion deepens, avoid making people feel guilty for enjoying good things or pursuing meaningful goals. Emphasize the sermon's distinction: the issue isn't necessarily what we enjoy or work toward but whether we expect those things to provide the fulfillment only God can give. Encourage everyone to identify one practical way to trust God more fully this week, and close by praying for one another.