Under the Sun

Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

Review:

1. A life that is only concerned with the things under the sun, a life without reference to God is meaningless and empty
2. It is important to understand the way unbelievers think so that we can share the gospel with them
3. A life lived in relationship with Christ brings meaning to every aspect of life

Reflect:

1. In what areas of your life do you tend to keep an "under-the-sun" perspective? How does focusing on the Person and Work of Christ help you?

Go further: Read Deuteronomy 10:11-22

1. In verse 11, what does the Lord promise to give to His people?
2. According to verse 12, in what four ways does the Lord require Israel to respond to His gracious gift?
3. In verse 13, what does the Lord tell His people to keep and why?
4. What does verse 14 say belongs to the Lord?
5. What did the Lord do for the fathers, the ancestors of the people of Israel?
6. Who does God say He has chosen?
7. What does verse 16 urge the people to do? What does it tell them not to do?
8. How does verse 17 describe the Lord?
9. What does verse 17 insist that the Lord does not do?
10. Who does verse 18 say that the Lord blesses, and in what ways?
11. How does verse 19 say that we should respond to the Lord's blessings?
12. What four things does verse 20 say we should do in order to express our close relationship to God?
13. In what two ways does verse 21 describe the Lord?
14. What does verse 21 say that the Lord's people have seen?
15. Who does verse 22 say went down into Egypt?
16. Starting from that point, what did the Lord do for His people?

Summary and Application:

1. Think about the two images in verse 16. What specific steps can you take to soften your heart and to bow your head before the Lord in your everyday life?
2. Verses 21 and 22 refer to the things that the people of Moses' day had seen the Lord do for them. In what similar ways has the Lord blessed you? How do the Lord's blessings inspire greater love and devotion to Him?