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Go Deep
The Spirituality of The Beatles
Nowhere Man
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What clothing was in style when you were 15? Would you be caught dead in it today?

When was a time you were the most pessimistic about life?

Read Song of Songs 1:1-3

The word for “meaningless” can also mean “vapor” or “breath.”

What, then, is meant by the motto, “everything is meaningless”?

The “teacher” or “gatherer of people” (which is the meaning of the word Ecclesiastes) devotes the next 12 chapters to proving his point... Wisdom, Pleasure, Work, Money, Education, on and on..., he writes, are all “meaningless.”

Ecclesiastes 12 is the “teacher’s” conclusion. **Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.**

What do you think of 12:13-14 as a motto, a philosophy of life?

How does that motto fit with Jesus? Let’s find out.

Read Matthew 4:10. Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy 6:13 - so check it out too.

How did Jesus change the original? What word did Jesus change? What is the difference between “worship” and “fear”?

The Greek word for “worship” is proskuneo” which literally means “to kiss toward”.

In what ways did Jesus reframe the image of God and how to approach God?

In that context, how would a Christ-follower apply Ecclesiastes 12:13-14?

Read Matthew 7:24-29.

What does Jesus’ story tell us a wise person will do?

Matthew 7:24-29 is the conclusion to Jesus’ sermon starting in Matthew 5:1. What does Jesus, in this sermon, tell us to do?

Read Mark 12:30-31.

Write a philosophy of life based on these words of Jesus.

John felt like a “Nowhere Man.” The “teacher” felt “meaningless”. What does Ephesians 2:10 tell us that would help John and the teacher? That would help us?