**Dear God, what’s the point?**

How can I prolong my life?

But what about…

An important question!

What is the point? How should I go looking for it?

4 components to meaning (Ravi Zacharias)

Wonder / Truth / Love / Security

The scientific method: observation!

What someone did, 2500 years ago!

Thesis statement: Ecclesiastes 1:2

*“Meaningless! Meaningless!”*

Life is short. *(Hebel)*

One big merry go-round – just observe nature! (1:5-7)

Life “under the sun”

“Man is a useless passion. It is meaningless that we live, and meaningless that we die.” (Jean Paul Sartre)

“your joys and your sorrows, your memories and your ambitions, your sense of personal identity and free will, are in fact no more than the behavior of a vast assembly of nerve cells and their associated molecules.” (Francis Crick)

Hang on! Surely at the very least, we can *choose* to make our lives happy and meaningful?

* Wisdom
* Pleasure
* Work

Fragile foundations

The logical conclusion

But more to the story. Two constant themes in Ecclesiastes

* Human longing
* Moral accountability

How can we make sense of apparent meaninglessness, human longing and moral accountability all together?

The Bible provides the most satisfying answer

* The meaninglessness we feel is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Observation, reason, solution. ⇒ *Knowing God*

*\*****Ask during refreshments: What do you think about this morning’s talk?***