Sermon Outline
YOUR LIFE IS VAIN, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Scripture texts:
Ecclesiastes 1:1-12
1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
3 What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?
4 A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
5 The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises.
6 The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north;
   around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.
7 All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;
   to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.
8 All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it;
   the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
9 What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done,
   and there is nothing new under the sun.
10 Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”?
   It has been already in the ages before us.
11 There is no remembrance of former things,
   nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be
   among those who come after.
12 I the Preacher have been king over Israel […]

Ecclesiastes 12:9, 13-14
9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge […]
13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for
   this is the whole duty of man.
14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or
   evil.

Mark 8:36
36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what
   can a man give in return for his soul?
OUTLINE:

I. Blowing Bubbles

II. An Overview of Ecclesiastes
   *The Bookends*

   1. All of Life under the Sun IS Vain (v2-3)
   
   2. Because…
      
      a. You are quickly passing (v4)
      
      b. You will never find lasting satisfaction while you live (v5-8)
      
      c. You will never make a lasting difference after you die (v9-11)

III. Accept it!