



# SMBC

SYDNEY MISSIONARY & BIBLE COLLEGE

## 2019 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

# UNDER THE SUN

HEARING GOD'S WORD  
FROM THE  
BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

SATURDAY 9 MARCH

# conference talks

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The link to watch all the videos is:

[vimeo.com/showcase/2019womensconf](https://vimeo.com/showcase/2019womensconf)



# welcome

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Welcome to the SMBC Women's Conference 2019

Life is fleeting so \_\_\_\_\_.  
How would *you* finish the sentence?

Life is fleeting so eat ice cream?  
Life is fleeting so focus on your family?  
... travel the world?  
... play your favourite music loudly?  
... retire early?  
... shop!?

The writer of Ecclesiastes doesn't shy away from calling this life short, fleeting, transient ... like mist. He observes that life under the sun can seem like it goes nowhere but simply circles around and around. Life is littered with both joys and disappointments. It can be puzzling, It can seem unfair.

God speaks in Ecclesiastes to open our hearts and minds to these realities and to show us how to navigate this fleeting life with godly wisdom. It's wisdom that looks to Him who is eternal, unchanging, just and richly generous.



# programme

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9.00am Registration

9.30am Session 1

**Ecclesiastes 1:1-14**

**Living under the sun**

*Anna Brotherson*

11.00am Morning tea

11.30am Session 2

**Ecclesiastes 5:8 – 6:12**

**Treasure under the sun**

*Jenny Salt*

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Session 3

**Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:14**

**Reality under the sun**

*Catherine Read*

3.15pm Close

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## **Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 ~ Living under the sun**

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Prepare to be... depressed?!?

### **1. Our world: All is mist (v2)**

Our desire: Gain (v3)

## **Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 ~ Living under the sun**

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Cycles, cycles, more cycles (v4-11)

Human life

Nature

Our senses

New is old

Forgetfulness

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## **Talk 1**

# **Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 ~ Living under the sun**

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Do you buy it?

A heavy burden: Turning mist into stone (v12-14)

## **2. God behind the mist**

## Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 ~ Living under the sun

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### 3. Our options in the mist:

Option 1: .....

Option 2: .....

Option 3: .....

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## **Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12 ~ Treasure under the sun**

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### **Introduction**

“I will definitely think about it!”

**The problem: the “vanity” of wealth and power**

*... but why is this ‘vanity’?*

**... because there will always be injustice 5:8-9**

“shocked and stunned and not a little surprised” - don’t be!

That’s life...

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## **Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12 ~ Treasure under the sun**

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**... because it doesn't bring ultimate satisfaction 5:10-12**

I can't get no satisfaction...

How much do you need to feel secure? More!

**... because it just doesn't last 5:13-17**

a grievous evil – or a sickening evil...ending up with nothing

*A break in transmission:*

**But wait! Is there a better way? 5:18-20**

A God-centred joy

1 Tim 6:17

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## Talk 2

### Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12 ~ Treasure under the sun

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Now back to our regular programming: the problem of the vanity of wealth:

*Why is it a problem?*

**... because you can have it all and still have no joy 6:1-6**

“you’ve got it all, kid!”

... except satisfaction

**... because appetites are never satisfied 6:7-9**

“the gaping void that is the human appetite” Provan

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## **Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12 ~ Treasure under the sun**

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**... because life under the sun is fleeting 6:10-12**

the one stronger than you

“I have uttered what I did not understand” (Job 42: 3)

James 4:14

*So what....*

### **Life under the Sun**

Treasure in heaven Matt 6

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## **Talk 2**

# **Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12 ~ Treasure under the sun**

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Godliness with contentment 1 Tim 6:5-10

“I will definitely think about it!”

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## **Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:4 ~ Reality under the sun**

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Introduction

**Enjoy life (11:7-10)**

## **Talk 3**

# **Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:4 ~ Reality under the sun**

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**Remember your Creator (12:1-8)**

## **Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:4 ~ Reality under the sun**

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**Fear God (12:9-14)**



## **Talk 3**

# **Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:4 ~ Reality under the sun**

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**The best life**

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