

Key Scripture

9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. 10 The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. 12 My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. 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." – Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- What something new that you have learned this year? Has it had an impact on you and how you do things?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-14. What does the writer hope will be our main take-way from this book?
- Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-14. Why would a life of following God's word be the duty?
- Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-14. Will our good or bad deeds matter in the end? Why is life better when we keep God's commandments?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What is your personal take away from this study? Has anything stood out to you?
- Why is living for just ourselves pointless in the end? How can putting God first add more meaning to our lives?
- How can your lifestyle be more God-centered?
- How can your life fulfill the vision of "loving your neighbor?"

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Check out some of the "I am second" videos on YouTube this week. Share one that you like with a friend.
- Finish this sentence "I can put God first this week by..."

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.