



Ecclesiastes

Word to the Wise

Community Group Discussion: 10.20 - 11.24

SERIES OVERVIEW

What matters in the end? What are we doing every day? Does it have any meaning or significance? What does God say is meaningful and significant?

"If we find in ourselves a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." — C. S. Lewis

MAIN TEXT

Ecclesiastes 5 and 6

GETTING STARTED

How much is enough when it comes to shoes?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-2. How good are you at being quiet and listening? How often are you silent before God vs how often you do all the talking?
2. What things could help you improve your mindset and heart condition when you come to meet with God?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12. Think of the many things you are pursuing in life — financial freedom, a bigger house, your career, more or better relationships. These might be worthwhile endeavors, but ask yourself this question: How much is enough? Do you trust God to provide your needs even if the thing you so desire never comes?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 5:18-19. Take some time to praise God for the good gifts He has given you. Share with the group a few of the things you are especially thankful for. Encourage one another to enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't.
5. Solomon insists that increased wealth will always complicate your life. Do you agree? How have you seen this in our culture? Is that a sufficient reason to avoid riches? Discuss what productive and helpful ways wealth can be leveraged for good.

NEXT STEPS

What is God saying to you through His word?
How and when will you respond?

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Day One: *Ecclesiastes 5:1-7*

Day Two: *Ecclesiastes 5:8-12*

Day Three: *Ecclesiastes 5:13-20*

Day Four: *Ecclesiastes 6:1-6*

Day Five: *Ecclesiastes 6:7-12*

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