
Small Group Conversation Guide

The Weight of God / Ecclesiastes 5

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1. Solomon says in verse 1 to draw near to listen to God rather than speak quickly and rashly. Do you find it challenging to listen to God? Why or why not?
2. Solomon contrasts listening with offering 'the sacrifice of fools'. What do you think he means?
3. Solomon says with a lot of dreams and words there is vanity. What do you think he means?
4. Follow up question to 3: Why is it more important to draw near and listen to God rather than just try to figure things out on our own?
5. Solomon contrasts giving weight to God with giving weight to money. In verse 10, he says someone who loves money will never be satisfied with money. Why is this?
6. Verse 13 says riches were kept their owner *to his hurt*. How can making money our focus in life hurt us? Are there ways you feel like you struggle with this?
7. Read verse 20. This verse implies that when God is our focus, he fills our life with joy. How can God be our joy, whatever circumstances we face?
8. Does this passage comfort or challenge you? Why?

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