



INTRODUCTION

Ecclesiastes turns from reflection to instruction as Qoheleth warns us of meaningless worship or as he puts it the “sacrifice of fools.”

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God’s word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- Do you evaluate worship services? Should you? What makes it good?

REVIEW

- What does it mean to guard your steps (v1)?
- What is the sacrifice of fools (v1)?
- How are we rash with our words in worship (vv2-3)?
- What do we learn about vows in vv4-6?
- What is the fear of God (v7)? Why is it important?

APPLICATION

- What does true and genuine worship look like? Does your worship reflect this?
- Why do you think awe at God’s magnificent transcendence has been replaced in our culture with Jesus as our life coach?
- How do you guard your steps as you draw near to the house of God? How can you grow in obedience to this command?
- Do you think having more and more people praying makes God more inclined to answer your prayer? Why or why not?
- Do people today find their vows binding? Why or why not?
- Do you have any unkept vows that you are willing to confess and receive prayer to help in your repentance?
- Do you fear God, especially in context of gathered worship? How can you grow in your fear of him?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer need