



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 02/18/2018
DISCUSSION DATE: 02/25/2018
TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 5:1-12

I. A SELFISH HEART WILL NOT ENJOY GOD'S GIFT OF WEALTH.

A. A Selfish Heart + Wealth = Inflated view of self. It Corrupts Worship. v.v. 1-3

B. A Selfish Heart + Wealth = Hypocrisy. It Corrupts Fear. v.v. 4-7

C. A Selfish Heart + Wealth = Injustice. It Corrupts Authority. v.v. 8-9.

D. A Selfish Heart + Wealth = Dissatisfaction and Worry. It Corrupts Affections. v.v. 10-12.

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES.



Read Ecclesiastes 3:12-13, 22. What keeps us from enjoying God's gift of life in a way that honors God and is accord with the purpose of the gift?

How is wealth viewed in our culture? What value is placed on it? What impact does our culture's value on wealth have on us?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-3. How do we "walk prudently" into God's presence for worship? What should we be doing to make sure we are heeding this council?

What are some events that we take time to prepare for because they are important to us? Because we attend worship services each week, what are we in danger of doing?

How can we draw near to God clearly demonstrating our desire to hear? How do people attending worship demonstrate that they have come to do anything but hear?

What is the "sacrifice of a fool?" Why does the foolish worshiper not recognize his/her sin?

Are there any words that we speak that are not "before God?" Why are the words which come out of our mouth so important (cf. Luke 6:45)?

Explain how people with a wrong view of life – life as a means of gain – are living in their own dream world? How do social media contribute to this kind of deception?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:4-7. What implied vow are we making each time we enter God's presence for worship?

Read Romans 12:9. Why does God hate hypocrisy? What keeps us from hypocrisy?

Read Galatian 6:7-8. How does this text illustrate this principle?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:8-9. How have you seen the sinful selfishness of the human heart corrupt positions of authority in our country?

Why is GREED never satisfied and how does it destroy God's good gift of government?

What does God want us to do with our positions of authority? How are we supposed to use them so as not to corrupt them?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12. What does God want us to know (i.e. believe as a governing value) about wealth?

What happens to a person when wealth increases?

Who does God allow to enjoy their sleep and why is this? Why does a person with abundance lose sleep?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What has great value? Which view of wealth is controlling our lives? How can we tell? What are the dangers of loving money (i.e. what money can buy for us)?