



ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 6 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- If you only had two wishes and the only condition was that you could not wish for more wishes, what would these two wishes be?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Ecclesiastes 6:1-12)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Ecclesiastes 6:1-6

- If Solomon is not just trying to be pessimistic in this passage, what does he want his readers to understand?
 - A few of the things that Solomon may desire his readers to understand include the following.

- That material possessions and wealth do not last forever.
- That material possessions and wealth do not define the character and identity of a person.
- That material possessions and wealth do not provide long term satisfaction like God can and does. In fact, they don't even come close.
- That death is the great equalizer and that no one gets to take anything with them but their soul.
 - Which of the above things do you struggle to live out the most and why?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
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Ecclesiastes 6:7-12

- What exactly is Solomon saying in verse 9 and why is this important?
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 - In what ways do you need to do a better job of allowing yourself to be consumed with things that actually matter rather than just being consumed by your feelings?
 - How do you need to be more honest with the Lord about what you desire so that He can meet you where you're at and speak into and over those desires?
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Final Application

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- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

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ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 6 (STUDENT)

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