



## **ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 10 (FACILITATOR)**

### **Discussion Starter**

- Is it easier for you to focus on short term goals or long-term goals? Why?
- **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 10:1-20)**

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

### **Ecclesiastes 10:1-4**

- Is it easier to follow your own way and wisdom or God's? Why?
  - In the short term, it may in some ways be easier to follow your own way and wisdom because following God's wisdom and way may have a great deal of heavy lifting and difficulty involved but in the long term, it is always easier to follow God's way and wisdom knowing that He has all the answers and sees a much bigger picture than we do. There is also a

peace that comes from following God's wisdom and way whether it be short or long term.

- Are there any ways in which following God's wisdom and way is frustrating for you? If so, what are those ways?
  - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

### **Ecclesiastes 10:5-15**

- Why do you think that Solomon associates many words with a lack of wisdom from the Lord?
  - Many times, the abundance of words that we use as human beings has everything to do with some of the following.
    - Our desire to be both seen and heard in certain ways.
    - Our desire to be right.
    - Our desire to correct and fix.
  - Of the three options above, which do you struggle with the most when it comes to using too many words that come from yourself and not from the Lord?
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### **Ecclesiastes 10:16-20**

- Read Colossians 3:23-24. How does this passage coincide with Ecclesiastes 10:16-20?
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- 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**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Ecclesiastes chapter 11)

## **ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 10 (STUDENT)**

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