



ECCLESIASTES CHAPTER 11 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Do you characterize yourself as a more abstract or concrete thinker? 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 11:1-10)

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

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

- On a 1-10 scale with one being low and ten being high, how easy is it for you to take God at His word and why?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

- In verses 1-2, Solomon is talking about a heart of generosity and graciousness. What is his rationale behind having this heart and why is this important to understand?
 - I don't get to take any material possessions with me when I die, and I shouldn't be too attached to what God has given me from His hands.
 - In what ways are you too attached to the things of this world?
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- In verses 3-6, Solomon is letting his readers know that it is possible to overanalyze situations that simply do not have answers in this physical life. As human beings, we have a limited scope and we do not have the vision that God does.
 - How can you and I be more comfortable with not having all the answers about this world that God does?
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Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

- In what ways do you focus on what you have rather than on what you don't have? In what ways do you intentionally celebrate what you're grateful for rather than being discouraged about what you don't have?
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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 12)

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