

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 28

Ecclesiastes 5

Memory Verse: Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NASB95): Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also empowered him to eat from them and to receive his reward and rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.

Talking points:

What subgroup of Books of the Bible is Ecclesiastes part of?

-Who wrote Ecclesiastes? At what stage of their life were they in?

Verse 1-6

-What is the author's advice in verse 1 and 2. Do you think it is good advice? Why or why not?

-This is an Old Testament book. Do these suggestions still speak even under the new covenant?

-The author uses the word fool multiple times in the first 6 verses. What are some points that he says labels you a fool?

-Verse 4 and 5 offers some valuable advice. How can we as believers follow through with what we promised?

-Do you agree with the viewpoint of Gods lack of pleasure over fools?

-What are some ways we can guard against being defined as a fool in the context of these verses?

Verse 7-9

-In verse 7 it states, “many words and many dreams are emptiness rather fear God.” How would you explain that statement in present day terms? Does it still hold true?

Verse 10-20

-Is the author of Ecclesiastes a good judge of wealth, the dangers and fruit of it?

-What reason does the author give for a person with a love of money and abundance not being satisfied?

-What are the grievous evils that the author states in verse 10-20?

-In verse 12 there is a comparison between the working class and the rich. What truth do you draw from this verse?

-What does the author mean when he says, “toil for the wind”?

-Verse 18-20 teaches about gifts and favor of God. What are they?

-After reading Ecclesiastes 5. Summarize the wise advice the author gives that you can apply to your own life?