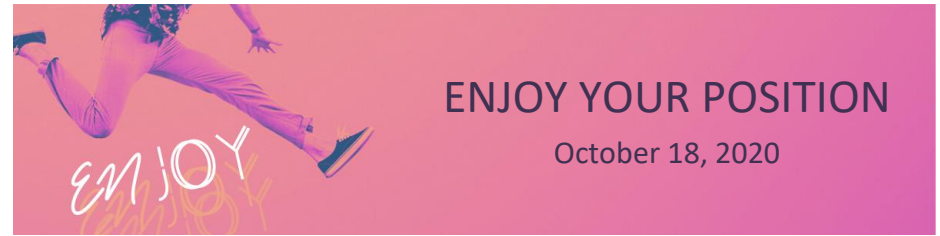


Life Group

Discussion Guide

Exploring the Word – Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

1. Read Ecclesiastes 10:1-4. What behaviors are listed in these verses that demonstrate the foolishness of neglecting one's position? What are examples of ways that people neglect responsibilities in their positions and how does this affect others?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 10:5-9. What "evil" is the author referring to (v. 5)? How do these verses contradict the idea that anyone can do anything? Discuss examples of how people being placed into the wrong positions impacts others.
3. Read Ecclesiastes 10:10-12. How can we use wisdom to help people be successful in their positions? How does not using wisdom set people up to fail?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 10:13-15. What is madness? How can our imaginations lead to madness in our vocations and in our relationships with others?
5. Read Ecclesiastes 10:16-20. Why is it important to prioritize responsibilities and when is "the proper time to feast?" Give examples of ways that we can prioritize our relationship with Christ.
6. What other questions do you have about this chapter?



Ecclesiastes 10:1-20

I. Have a sense of duty (vv. 1-4)

- Understanding our position is from God keeps us from _____.
- Duty means a willingness to be _____ for a while.
- Reactionary people miss healing and growth due to not having the _____ of duty.

II. Value skills (vv. 5-9)

- Being in the right position is confirmed by _____.
- Good leaders don't appoint _____ people.
- There are expected _____ in every position that require skill.

III. Comprehend efficiency (vv. 10-11)

- God doesn't want us to work _____ than is necessary.
- God's wisdom offers efficiency to help us with _____.
- People suffer loss when our skills and presence are _____.

IV. Live in present facts (vv. 12-15)

- The first rule in hearing from God is that we might be _____.
- Imagination and conspiracy theories give the devil "_____ " in our spiritual battles.
- Foolish people are unnecessarily _____ without accomplishing anything.

V. Maintain order (vv. 16-20)

- Immature leaders cause social structures to _____.
- _____ is governed by truth and order.
- Maturity understands that _____ makes our playing possible.