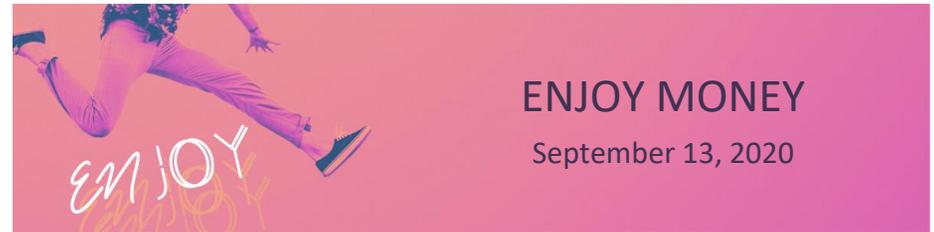


Life Group

Discussion Guide

Exploring the Word – Ecclesiastes 5:13-6:9

1. **Read Ecclesiastes 5:13-17.** How does the first problem identified by the author hinder Christians from giving in a way that impacts the kingdom of God?
2. Why does working for ourselves lead to discontentment? What does it look like to work for God?
3. **Read Ecclesiastes 5:18-20.** How does enjoying the “good” things listed by the author prevent us from worshiping money and wealth?
4. **Read Ecclesiastes 6:1-9.** Why do some people, even though given “great wealth and honor,” not enjoy wealth?
5. What are examples of ways you honor God by enjoying the things God has given to you?
6. What other questions do you have about this passage of Scripture?



Ecclesiastes 5:13-6:9

I. Saving isn't enjoying (vv. 13-15)

- Saving as mission or purpose is a _____.
- Saving as purpose attempts to dignify _____.
- Overconsumption _____ others as we worship self.
- Making unwise investments is a _____.

II. Investing to enjoy (vv. 16-18)

- Failing to invest in _____ with our resources is to miss life's purpose.
- Time is a gift to make _____ with people that last for eternity.
- It is _____ to enjoy the pleasures of life with people we love.
- God blesses people to be a _____ in their lot in life.

III. Wealth is a gift from God (vv. 19-6:2)

- Everyone is not equally _____ with health and wealth.
- The _____ tests our obedience to God to resist selfishness.
- The _____ tests our obedience to God to resist valuing achievement over relationships.
- Proper investment of wealth and time is to live in the _____.

IV. The purpose of wealth (vv. 3-9)

- To live for dreams of the future is a _____ life.
- Generosity and rest are essential to experience _____.
- A wasted life is the worst tragedy of all because of countless _____ not to enjoy moments.
- Poverty is the result of sin failures at _____ and _____.