Discussion Questions | Ecclesiastes 5–6: The Fear of God

1. ICE-BREAKER

   In general, what emotional state are you in when you show up for church or worship service? Are you more often fully engaged or distracted? What distractions or habits make it difficult for you to be fully present?

2. FEAR OF GOD

   Read **Matthew 10:28** and **Hebrews 4:16**. The sermon compared fearing God to approaching the ocean with both love and awe of its power. How does that illustration shape your understanding of the fear of God? How can we hold together both God's holiness and his grace?

3. TRUE WORSHIP

   Read **Ecclesiastes 5:4–7**. When prayer or worship is happening at church, do you take the words being expressed seriously? Should we sing if the words being sung don't match our current lifestyle? How can we do so without singing in vain?

4. THE LOVE OF MONEY

   Ecclesiastes 5:10–12. The love of money and wealth leave one unsatisfied. What are two ways more money brings more problems? Besides money, what do you find yourself needing "just a little bit more" of?

5. NAKED WE COME AND GO

   Ecclesiastes 5:15 reminds us that we cannot take with us our possessions with us when we die. If you kept that reality in view, how might it change the way you spend your money, time, or energy this week?

6. ACCEPT YOUR LOT

   Read **Ecclesiastes 5:18–20**. The sermon emphasized accepting your "lot" as a gift from God. How does the fear of God (having a high view of God) lead us to greater faith, and how does that faith give us joy and contentment?

   Does having joy and contentment in what God has given you mean you should never strive or pursue more? How can you strive for more (money, education, opportunities) and still glorify God?

7. APPLICATION

   The helicopter illustration at the end of the sermon highlighted how much God sees all things, while we cannot. Where are you struggling to trust his perspective right now? What is one concrete step you can take this week to respond with trust, gratitude, or obedience—and how can the group pray for you?