

## Open It

What was the most worshipful moment in your life? Why?

## Consider It

How should a person go to the house of God (5:1)?

How are things in your house on the way to church? What things might hinder our approach to God?

Where does our mind go while waiting for a service to begin?

How might we guard Saturday nights or Sunday mornings to enter God's presence unhindered?

What sacrifices are pleasing to God?

- 1 Sam 15:22
- Ps. 51:17
- Rom. 12:1
- Heb. 13:15-16

Solomon and Jesus both critique the practice of prayer. In what ways do they agree (See 5:2-3; Matthew 6:5-7)?

How did people fail to take their vows seriously (5:4-6)?

When do people make vows today? Are vows taken seriously?

Why is it hard to keep the promises we make to God?  
What does it mean to stand in awe of God?

What does it mean to fear God?

What would be God honoring adjustments in our approach to worship, sacrifice, prayer and vows?

## The Quest for a Meaningful Life

"Meaningful Worship"

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

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*Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. <sup>2</sup> Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. <sup>3</sup> A dream comes when there are many cares, and many words mark the speech of a fool. <sup>4</sup> When you make a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. <sup>5</sup> It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. <sup>6</sup> Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, "My vow was a mistake." Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup> Much dreaming and many words are meaningless. Therefore fear God.*

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 (NIV)

## Sermon Proposition

End Perfunctory Piety. Enjoy Meaningful Worship Every Day.

1. Guard Your Approach

2. Offer Pleasing Sacrifices

5. Fear God

3. Pray Purposeful Prayers

**Live It**

- Seek the Lord!

- Serve Others!

4. Keep Your Word

- Sow Seeds!