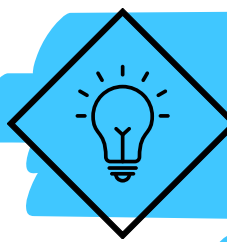




# Small Group Leader's Guide

## Week 5: Possessed By Possessions



### Leader's Tip

Good snacks and a warm cup of coffee can help the most uncomfortable person in the room, suddenly feel better! If prepping snacks is too much for you, start a sign-up sheet to take turns in your group.

Read: Ecclesiastes 5

Big idea:

- Seeing wealth as a gift will keep us from being possessed by possessions.

Main points:

- o Our posture impacts our possession (v.1-7)
- o The problem with being possessed by possessions (v.8-17)
- o The prescription for not being possessed by possessions (v. 18-20)

Jesus in Ecclesiastes 5: Jesus is our greatest treasure (1Peter 1:3-9)

Discussion Questions:

*Opening Question: What's the worst job you have ever had or tell a story about a time you lost a lot of money.*

- 1.What are the characteristics of a person who desires to have a meaningful, life altering worship experience with God? (v. 1-7)
- 2.Summarize the picture of the world that Solomon describes in verse 3? Does this shock you?
- 3.What does he say is vain in verse 10? Have you found this truth "money doesn't make happiness" to be true? How so? How do we fight against discontentment? What contrast is made in verse 12? Which person would you rather be?
- 4.(Read v. 13-17) Do you think it is worth working hard and storing up if you have the opportunity? What is the risk? What is the advantage? Is there another option?
- 5.(Read v. 5-18) Contentment is important but we must slow down and observe what we enjoy and delight in. What are several things that make you content?
- 6.In verse 19, Solomon reflects on the importance of thankfulness in a person's life for what God has given them. List three special things that the Lord has given to you.

Ministry Time: Do you believe your finances would reveal a Biblical picture of being a good steward?