



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

February 16, 2020
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
“Reverence and Awe”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1) ICE-BREAKER: Tony talked about meeting John Piper and Tim Keller. Who is the most notable person you have ever met for any kind of considerable time? What was the subject of the conversation? Who did the most talking?
- 2) This text says that we should be slow to speak in God’s presence, while other places in the Bible (like Ephesians 2:18) says that we have access to God through Jesus Christ. How do we balance approaching God as our loving and personal Father and as the Eternal and Transcendent One? How do we balance “gravity and gladness” in our worship and prayer?
- 3) Tony mentioned that routines are not always bad, but it is wrong simply to go through the motions, mindlessly and foolishly. How can we create routines (like corporate worship, private Bible study, GG, etc.) without making them mindless actions that we take?
- 4) Verse 1 tells us to “draw near to listen” or as Tony put it, “show up and listen up” to the preaching of God’s Word. What are the benefits of the regular hearing of God’s Word? How is hearing from God connecting to doing, in this text?
- 5) This text warns us to avoid speaking empty words. Does anyone have any tips for how they have learned to control their words and evaluate whether their words are worth speaking aloud?

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY:

This text drives us to evaluate how we have worshipped God. Let’s all take a couple of minutes to consider on our own if we have rightly treated God with the reverence and awe He deserves. Spend a couple minutes in prayer asking God to help you treat Him with proper awe. Consider Christ’s forgiveness, renewal, and cleansing. Consider how He has changed you and how he continues to change you. Spend time praying in awe of God. (GGLs you may adjust this to fit the needs of your group. Maybe have a time of sharing or confession. Encourage your GG members not to simply offer empty words of forgiveness but to follow up their confession with God-fearing action.)