

Conversations with Solomon at The Salt Creek Café Series
Message # 6: How Much Money Is Enough?

Core Group Discussion Guide

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Message Overview:

- **How much money is enough?**
- Solomon asked that question about 5,000 years ago.
- **Ecclesiastes 5:11 (TLB) ... “What is the advantage of wealth?”**
- The problem most of us face is worry over money.
- When problems arise, we are tempted to think that a little more money would solve the problem.
- We subconsciously think ... If I have more money, then I’ll be happy.
- The problem with that is that your **YEARNING POWER** will always exceed your **EARNING POWER**. You always want more.
- Ecclesiastes 5 is a practical commentary on money and financial integrity.

Text: Ecclesiastes 5:8-20; 6:1-9; 7:14

Questions for Discussion:

- **OPEN IT –**
 1. Do you ever worry over money – having enough and keeping what you have? Is bill-paying time a stressful time for you?
 2. **Why do people equate their value as a person with what they earn?**
 3. **Do you spend more time thinking about money in any one day than you spend in prayer? (Be honest.)**
- **EXPLORE IT –**
 1. **In Ecclesiastes 5:13-17 – What is the danger of accumulated wealth?**
 2. Solomon warns both the lazy man (5:18-19) and the workaholic (5:12-15). How can we strike a balance in our lives?
 3. In what ways do meaningful relationships bring more joy than a lot of money and material stuff?
- **GET IT –**
 1. **In Ecclesiastes 6:3-6, many children and a long life were considered the greatest blessings in the Old Testament. What does our society define as “the good life”?**
 2. What do you see as the most important principles in Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 regarding our finances, wealth, and work?
- **APPLY IT –**
 1. **Money can be a positive in the Bible. What are the ways we can VIEW and USE money rightly?**
 2. How does the gospel motivate us to be generous people?

PERSONAL REFLECTION ... Thank God for how He has met your needs and even many of your wants.

BE SURE TO TAKE TIME TO DISCUSS THE QUESTIONS IN BOLD TYPE.