



SUNDAY - May 3, 2026

The Grind: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 - The House Of God

SERMON SUMMARY:

Ecclesiastes peels back the illusion of a full life without God, testing the usual suspects like money, power, pleasure, and even religion. In chapter 5, the spotlight turns to worship, where Solomon calls for reverence over routine. Entering God's presence isn't a casual stroll but sacred ground that invites humility, honesty, and awe. True worship isn't performance for others but a heart posture that recognizes who God is, echoed in the lives of figures like David, Isaiah, and Paul, who approached God with brokenness and deep reverence.

Listening and speaking become the twin gates of worship. Ears are meant to be tuned for God's voice, not dulled by distraction or empty ritual, while mouths must resist careless words and transactional vows. Scripture presses for integrity where life and worship align, not a split existence. At the center stands the fear of the Lord, a steady compass that brings clarity, shapes character, and softens the heart. When that reverence takes root, even our words begin to change, shifting from sparks that burn to embers that warm and give life.

SCRIPTURE:

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What specific instructions does Solomon give about how to approach the house of God?
2. According to the passage, what is the danger of making a vow to God?
3. What does Solomon say is better than making a vow?
4. How does the passage describe the words of a fool?
5. Why does Solomon emphasize listening over offering sacrifices? What does this reveal about God's priorities in worship?
6. How might making a vow to God actually undermine a relationship based on grace?
7. In what ways can careless words reflect the condition of a person's heart?
8. What does it mean to "fear God," and how does that shape a person's attitude in worship and daily life?