



## Session 5

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### **BIG IDEA**

The book of Ecclesiastes challenges us to fear God. When we listen to those who know about the difficulties in life we learn wisdom.

### **GROUP OPENER**

What does a healthy fear of God look like?

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Read this longer passage Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Proverbs 3:5-10. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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### **As a Group**

#### **Discussion:**

God is all-powerful: Omnipotent.

When we go through conflict and difficulty, we do not need willingness. We need power, and God has all power.

God knows all: Omniscient.

God is the one that is able to make sense of what makes no sense to us. So when we worry we are not trusting that "He Knows".

**Read:** Psalm 24

God is always present: Omnipresent

In the moments when things seem out of control God is present. When your pain rises you need to pray more God is always present.

#### **Questions:**

How does having an all-powerful God practically change things in our lives?

How does having an all-knowing God practically change things in our lives?

How does having an always-present God practically change things in our lives?

#### **Summary:**

Remember God is your creator.

Respect God and his commandments.

Remain in awe of God.

### **ACTION STEPS**

*I will statement...*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, "I Will \_\_\_\_\_". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.
- Share your "I Will" statement with the group.
- What does a healthy fear of God look like?