

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

### **Living with Limits - Ecclesiastes 5:1-20**

View Sermon Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hup2G6DJexI>

Can you think of a time when worship felt especially meaningful or especially distracted? What made the difference?

## **Scripture Reflection**

### **1. Guarding Our Steps in Worship**

“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God... Go near to listen...” (v.1)

- What does it mean to “guard your steps” as we enter worship today?
- How do you prepare (or not prepare) to hear from God during worship?
- The sermon said, *“God’s not looking for content creators or influencers in worship.”* What do you think that means for how we approach worship, prayer, or singing?

### **2. Listening More than Speaking**

“Let your words be few... God is in heaven and you are on earth.” (v.2)

- Why is listening hard in today’s world?
- How might listening more (to others and to God) actually deepen your worship life?

## **Vows and Follow-Through**

“It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it.”

- Have you ever made a commitment to God that you later found hard to keep?
- The sermon said we need space to *“renew some vows we made to God.”*  
– Is there a promise or desire you once expressed to God that you’d like to revisit or recommit to now?

## **Wealth and Worship**

“Whoever loves money never has enough... This too is meaningless.”

- What’s the difference between enjoying God’s gifts and worshipping the gifts?

## **God in the Equation**

“When God gives someone wealth... and the ability to enjoy them... this is a gift of God.”

- What changes when **God** enters the picture in our work, money, and meaning?
- How do you respond to this line from the sermon:  
*“God uses the pain, toil, and chasing-the-wind meaninglessness of this world to remind us we are not made for this world.”*

### **Application Challenge**

- Practice *coming to worship prepared to listen*. Try spending a few minutes in silence before the service.
- Reflect on one vow or commitment you’ve made to God — and ask Him if it’s time to renew it.
- Ask God for the rare gift of contentment with what He has already given.