

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Too Much Talk – A Study on Ecclesiastes
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Non-Perishable Food Drive** for 60 families who recently lost their homes and all belongings in a fire in Tijuana. Can your small group gather together some canned goods, cereal, pasta, etc. for these families? If so, please have your small group leader contact Stephen Motz at 619.252.4863. Please do not drop off items at church.
- **Needed: Small Group Assistant.** Are you detail oriented and organized? Do you have great writing skills and experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook? Are you a people person and have a passion for small groups? Inquire for more details at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/jobs-internships/>.
- **Small Group Essentials Training** for all Hosts, Facilitators, Coaches, Community Leaders, and Apprentices. Saturday, March 18, 8-11:30 AM. Breakfast is at 8 AM and our meeting begins at 8:30 AM. Pastor John Dehnert will cover lesson development, creating environments for growth, leadership skills, and more. Please RSVP by March 8 to carolyn@therocksandiego.org or 619.226.7625 x247. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
- For all other Rock Announcements please go to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/announcements/> or see the Rock Event Calendar at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

MEMORY VERSE

- *For a dream comes through much activity, and a fool's voice is known by his many words.*
Ecclesiastes 5:3

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Purpose of this study

- To identify how pursuing and following after God's wisdom will enable us to walk in obedience
- To identify how Satan uses our common sense as a strategy to lead us into disobedience

1. According to these verses, what is wisdom?

- Proverbs 1:7
- Proverbs 2:6-20
- Proverbs 3:5-35
- Proverbs 8-9

2. Take a minute to write what you would consider to be a Biblical definition of wisdom.

3. Using what you wrote above, compare and contrast the Biblical definition with the definition of wisdom from dictionary.com (or what you think is the secular definition of wisdom).

wis·dom (wzdm)

- The ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting; insight.
- Common sense; good judgment: “It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things” (Henry David Thoreau).
 - The sum of learning through the ages; knowledge: “In those homely sayings was couched the collective wisdom of generations” (Maya Angelou).
 - Wise teachings of the ancient sages.
- A wise outlook, plan, or course of action.

common sense

- Sound judgment not based on specialized knowledge; native good judgment.
- Sound practical judgment

Criteria	Biblical	Secular
How do you get it?		
Who has it?		
What does it do for you?		
Why should you want it?		
What is it worth?		

4. Can you think of a time when either
 - a. You followed God's direction even when it didn't seem wise in the eyes of the world?
 - b. You fell back on what was considered wise in the eyes of the world even though God had directed you to do something different?

5. Sometimes, it's very easy to make rational decisions about practical matters in our lives. Take a minute to prayerfully list those matters that are present in your life right now.

6. How do the following verses direct you to think about those matters?
 - a. I Corinthians 3:18

 - b. Ephesians 5:15-17

 - c. James 3:13-18

7. What is God asking of you? How might Satan use "wisdom in the words eyes" to lead you into disobedience?