





WEEKLY GROUP GUIDE

	Scripture:	Ecclesiastes 9:13–10:21
	Week of:	April 20, 2026
	Message Title:	Some Wisdom Required
	Speaker:	Ps. Lenard Tavernelli

1. ICEBREAKER (5–10 MINS)

Think of a time when something seemed small or insignificant at the moment, but later had a much bigger impact than you expected. Why do we often underestimate the weight of small decisions or actions?

2. READ TOGETHER

*Have someone from your group read aloud **ECCLESIASTES 9:13–10:20**.*

Ask: As you listen, notice how often the passage contrasts wisdom and folly. Where does the passage feel most practical, and where does it feel most uncomfortable?

3. Group Discussion (30–40 mins)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *(Use the most helpful questions for your group.)*

- 1.** Ecclesiastes says wisdom is better than might, yet wisdom is often ignored or forgotten. Where are you tempted to stop pursuing wisdom because it does not seem to “pay off” compared to influence, success, or recognition?
- 2.** The poor wise man delivered the city, yet no one remembered him. Why are we drawn to what is visible, loud, and impressive rather than quiet wisdom and faithfulness? How does that shape the way you think about your own life?

3. "A little folly outweighs wisdom and honor." Where in your life are you most tempted to tolerate "just a little" foolishness? Why does that seem harmless in the moment?
4. Pastor Lenard said there are only two ways to live: wisely or foolishly. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to live as if wisdom is optional?
5. Ecclesiastes 10:2–3 says a person's direction in life reveals what is in their heart. What patterns in your habits, reactions, or decisions are revealing what is actually shaping you right now?
6. The passage warns about folly in work and everyday life. Where do you see yourself tempted toward carelessness, shortcuts, or overconfidence? What kind of consequences could that produce over time?
7. This passage presses hard on speech. When your words become careless, excessive, harsh, or reactive, what is usually driving that? What does your speech reveal about your heart?
8. Pastor Lenard emphasized responding wisely, especially when provoked. When you feel misunderstood, frustrated, or treated unfairly, what is your natural response? What would it look like to respond with calm, wise restraint instead?
9. How does Ecclesiastes 9:13–10:20 connect to our mission to "*Proclaim the truth of Jesus and grow mature disciples for the glory of God*"?
This passage helps us proclaim the truth of Jesus by exposing how destructive folly really is and how much we need true wisdom. It reminds us that influence, noise, and power are not the same as wisdom. Mature disciples are formed when they learn to walk carefully, reject small compromises, and build their lives on the wisdom of Christ rather than on impulse or cultural pressure.
10. **How does this passage reshape our core values as a church?**
 - **Worship:** We worship God as the source of all true wisdom.
 - **Bible Knowledge:** Scripture trains us to recognize and reject folly in everyday life.
 - **Fellowship:** We need others to help us see blind spots and grow in wisdom.

- **Prayer:** We depend on God for wisdom, restraint, and discernment.
- **Service:** Wise living makes us steady and trustworthy in serving others.
- **Giving:** Wisdom leads us to steward what we have carefully and faithfully.
- **Evangelism:** Our witness is strengthened when our words and lives reflect wisdom.
- **Missions:** The world needs not more noise, but the wisdom of Christ clearly lived and proclaimed.

4. Prayer (10–15 mins)

Thank God for His wisdom, confess areas of foolishness, and ask Him to form you into a person who lives carefully and faithfully.

Prompt:

Father, thank You that You have not left us to figure out life on our own. Thank You for Your Word, which teaches us what is true and wise. Forgive us for the ways we have chosen foolishness, whether in our words, our decisions, or our responses. Forgive us for thinking that small compromises do not matter. Teach us to walk carefully, to value wisdom even when it is not recognized, and to live in a way that reflects Christ. Guard our hearts, shape our speech, and help us build our lives on Your truth. In Jesus' name, amen.