

APPROACHING GOD

Week 5/10 in the series Ecclesiastes
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Our Sunday schedules may include such items as a trip to the store, a visit to a friend's house, a family hike, and of course a trip to a church service. But really, of all those items, our approach to God in corporate worship should be handled in a special manner. Today's text shows us how our drawing near to God in a weekly church service should be engaged differently than all other activities. In fact, "the teacher" gives some wisdom for before, during and after approaching God.

1. **Before** (*Ecclesiastes 5:1*)! A successful worship experience is usually predetermined by the approach.
2. **During** (*Ecclesiastes 5:2-3*). Our focus during our God-encounter is clearly seen in our observations following the encounter.
3. **After** (*Ecclesiastes 5:4-7*). Our follow through is as important as the stroke itself.

APPLICATION

Whether Sunday morning, or for your personal time with the Lord, let's improve our approach.

NEXT WEEK: 6/10 • WISDOM HELPS (*Ecclesiastes 6-7*)
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Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.

GETTING STARTED:

1. How would you describe your attitude when you come to worship each Sunday?

DIGGING DEEPER:

2. What can we do to prepare our hearts for worship (*Ecclesiastes 5:1; Psalm 96: 8-10; John 4:23-24; 1 Corinthians 14:25-26*)?
3. How do we continue on in worship after Sunday morning (*Ecclesiastes 5:4-7; Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 66:3-5*)?

APPLICATION:

4. Whether Sunday morning, or for your personal time with the Lord, start today to improve your approach to worship.