

Ecclesiastes

God's Game Plan

For Life

A six-week line-by-line study of Ecclesiastes



LEADER GUIDE

Things to Consider

It is always wise to have a game plan before beginning any group Bible study. You do not need a fifty-page instruction manual; however, you should consider a few things.



Who?

- Will your group be for men, women, family, youth, mixed group



What?

- What do they need to bring?
- What is the cost of participation?
 - Will they purchase their own books, or you will purchase
 - Will you need to cover your expenses for food, materials, etc.?



When?

- Set the date (the study is six weeks, but you adjust the time).
- Set the time (two hours is usually plenty enough time).



Where?

- Your home
- Church
- Coffee shop
- Someone else's home
- Park



Why?

- What is your goal (discipleship, fellowship, etc.)



How?

- How will you advertise?
- How will people register for the study?
- Will you offer food?
- Will participants bring food, snacks, desserts?
- Will you engage outside of class time?
 - Social media – Private Facebook Group

Tips for Conducting the Meetings



Have a plan for the meeting. But always be flexible

Will you start with an ice breaker?

- Day One questions in the Ecclesiastes Study are wonderful.

Get everyone focused with prayer and worship.

Let the conversation flow and know when to bring the conversation back to the main point.

- Be willing to skip some questions if needed.

Encourage participants to prepare ahead of time by writing out the answers to each question in the lesson.

How will you engage everyone? Sometimes those who are talkative monopolize the conversation.

- To engage those who are more hesitant to speak, choose a specific person to answer before asking a question. For example, “Sarah, this next question is for you...”
- Ask someone to read scriptures or take notes

Tips for Conducting the Meetings



Accept moments of silence while the group ponders a question.

Be honest if you don't know an answer to a participant's questions. Just say, "I don't know, but I can look it up and get back to you."

- Challenge them to search for an answer they can bring back to the group.

Choose the questions you want to cover thoroughly ahead of time since you probably won't have time to discuss all the questions in the lesson.

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Sample Agenda

I usually put start and start times on each activity.
I stay flexible, but it helps keep the meeting on track.

10 Minutes	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow time for participants to get food if needed
5-10 Minutes	Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can take prayer requests if desired.• Invite the Holy Spirit to come and teach and guide the meeting. Thank Him for speaking through the scripture text that you are studying.
5 Minutes	Worship (CD, YouTube, live instruments, etc.)
10 Minutes	Review (any insights or questions from the previous week).
10 Minutes	Do the warmup exercises (I use them as icebreakers).
45 Minutes	Daily Discussion Questions (chosen ahead of time).
10 Minutes	Wrap it up with an application principle.
5 Minutes	Look ahead to the following week (particular focus or assignments?).
5-10 Minutes	Prayer

Notes:

SAMPLE WORDING TO INVITE PARTICIPANTS

Ecclesiastes- God's Game Plan for Life Small Group Study

You're invited to join us for a six-week line-by-line study of Ecclesiastes.

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