

## Talk It Over – Awe and Wonder

*Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.*

### Warm Up

Are you a "planner" or a "spur of the moment" kind of person? Do you like to have everything figured out before you start, or do you enjoy making things up as you go?

### Read

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

### Discuss



1. How would you answer the question "Is life controllable?" What things in life can you control? What things can't you control?
2. How do people try to control God? What things do we sometimes do to try to get God on our side or to try to get God to do the things that we want done?
3. According to this passage, what does the author of Ecclesiastes say people were doing in his day to try to control God, or get God on their side?
4. How does the author's final suggestion to "fear God" in verse 7 form a parallel with his suggestion to "listen" in verse 1? Given that these commands begin and end this passage, what do you think is the author's overall point?
5. How does a person practice an awareness of God in their daily lives? What does it mean to live in awe and wonder of God in our daily experience?
6. What do you think about the statement "Control the things you can control; see God in the things you can't control"? Do you think this is a good summation of what the author is saying in this passage?