

## **Checking In**

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.

## **Learning**

### *Knowing God*

#### **Key Doctrines**

- *Creation* – God has created all things, thus all things belong to God.
- *Providence* – God is the sustainer and provider of all things.
- *Wisdom* – The art of living well.

#### **Key Observations**

- *Read:* Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, Genesis 3:1-7
  - As you read through Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 who is the primary actor? Does God play a part in what is happening? If not, what does that tell us about this path chosen here by the so-called “sage”?

- As you turn your attention to Genesis 3:1-7 what parallels do you notice between the two passages? In what way has the path chosen in Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 been in keeping with the pattern of sin we see here in Genesis 3:1-7?
  
- Having read both passages what seems to be the fall out of this path of foolishness? In other words, what is the result?
  
  
- *Read:* Ecclesiastes 3:9-13, 1 John 2:15-17
  - As you read through Ecclesiastes 3:9-13 who is the primary actor? Does God play a part in what is happening? If so, what does this tell us about the nature of true wisdom?
  
  
  - 1 John 2:15-17 provides a nice summary of much of the contrast between folly and wisdom spoken of in Ecclesiastes. What is the primary characteristic of the person who lives with wisdom according to John?

## **Listening**

### *Responding to God*

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

## **Loving**

### *Obeying God*

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
- This week I am committed to praying for \_\_\_\_\_ about:

## **Checking Out**

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?
- Close in Prayer and 1 John 2:15-17.