# MINING THE MESSAGE

TITLE: Navigating the Hebel of...Church

**SCRIPTURE:** Eccclesiastes 5:1-7

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## **BIG IDEA:**

Seeing church under the sun with gospel lenses ensures we will engage in ways that glorify God, encourage others, and equip us to live under the sun.

# **OUTLINE:**

- 1. What is Church? (1)
- 2. How Should I Prepare? (2-3)
- 3. What is Expected of Me? (4-7a)
- 4. Why is this Important? (7b)

### WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

- How can we use horizontal circumstances define God (ex. pain=unloving)? What can we do to remember God's true character in our circumstances?
- What is the meaning of "fear" when we think about fearing God? What brings you to awe God? How can a healthy fear of God be filled with hope?

# **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**

- What do you do when you have a painful experience within the church? How can we take a biblical approach to persevere when hurt?
- What area of life do you need to look up to God instead of being caught looking around? How will a vertical focus help you have horizontal clarity?

#### **LIVE IT OUT**

Prepare yourself for church this week. Read the text for the sermon prior to coming to church. Pray God will convict and teach your heart. Proactively think how you will love and serve someone.

#### **READ AHEAD**

Read Ecclesiastes 5:8-20. What does this teach us about wealth and how we should delight in it?

