

Life Is  
Week 5 - Life is a Gift  
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"The half of it wasn't told to me."

**BIG IDEA:** Contentment doesn't come from \_\_\_\_\_;  
contentment is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

**PASSAGE:** Ecclesiastes 5-6

**THE OTHER HALF SOLOMON DIDN'T TELL THE QUEEN OF SHEBA:**

1. God takes us more \_\_\_\_\_ than we Him.  
(Eccl. 5:1-7; Heb. 4:12-13)

2. Worship \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Eccl. 5:8-20; Prov. 23:4-5)

3. Lasting joy comes from \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. (Eccl. 6:1-12)

## Next Steps

1. **Struggling with greed?** Each night when you sit down to dinner, thank God for at least one thing He's put in your life.
2. **Struggling with hope?** End each day by focusing on the size of God, not the size of your challenges.
3. **Struggling with trust?** Begin each day by praying the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:7-13) asking God to meet your daily needs and confessing your dependence on Him.

## Discussion Questions

- The Queen of Sheba said "The half of it wasn't told to me" about Solomon's wealth and accomplishments. In what area of your life or season of your past does your group "not know the half of it?" If you feel comfortable, consider sharing some details that they don't know.
- Pastor Scott shared a visual image for the phrase "laid bare" in Hebrews 4:12-13. Describe a time in your life when God's word "laid bare" the true state of your heart and life.
- Solomon described a "never enough" attitude in his reflections. In what area of your life do you most struggle with contentment and "enough"? Has this always been a struggle? Why is contentment so elusive for you?
- Solomon encourages us to enjoy our stuff as a gift from God. In what area of your life do you have a hard time with enjoying stuff vs worshiping stuff?
- In the next steps, Pastor Scott shared three steps, each based upon our unique struggle. Which is the hardest for you right now - greed, hope or trust? Why is that one the most difficult?

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