

## **Life Group Discussion/Personal Meditation Questions**

Passage for reflection: Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

1. Read Deut 5:5-9 - Growing up, what was your family practice regarding God's Word? Was it a central part of your family? Did your family study God's Word together?
2. Solomon describes God's Word as a goad (v11) – something that prods us to go in a straight line. Have you found Scripture will often convict you and cause you to change direction? Share some examples.
3. Solomon warns us of adding to Scripture (v12). In what ways do we add to Scripture? Are there things we are holding onto that are not based upon God's Word?
4. Why do we tend to take credit ourselves for that which is rightfully God's? How does being in God's Word help us to avoid pride?
5. What does it mean to fear God (v13)? Do Christians today have a genuine fear of God?
6. When Scripture says God will bring every deed (even hidden ones) into judgment (v14), what impact does that have on you? Are you prepared for eternity or do you have some work to do?

### **For extra study:**

What did God require? Read Deut chapters 6, 8 and 17:14-20

How did Solomon start out? I Kings 3: 5-15

How did Solomon finish? I Kings 11

What can we learn from Solomon's experience?