



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 03/11/2018
DISCUSSION DATE: 03/18/2018
TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 6:10 - 7:14

I. KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE – LIVE TO FINISH WELL.

A. The Prize Worth Pursuing - Ecc 7:1, 14.

B. The Pathway we must Travel in order to Obtain the Prize – Ecc 7:2-14.

1. The Way of Wisdom Meditates on the Brevity of Life, v.v. 2-4.

2. The Way of Wisdom honors God in all circumstances – v.v. 5-10.

a) WE honor God by welcoming Wise Counsel – v.v. 5-6.

b) We honor God by forsaking the allurements of temporal gain – v. 7

c) We honor God with persevering patience – v.v. 8-9.

d) We honor God by living for Him in the present – v. 10.

3. The Way of Wisdom is more valuable than Wealth, v.v.11-12.

4. The Way of Wisdom trusts the Unchanging Character of God, v.v. 13-14.

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES.



Read Ecclesiastes 6:10-12. Why/how do we argue with God about our limitations? What do we want to believe about ourselves? What fruits are we witnessing in our society due to so many believing this lie about themselves?

What two limitations are highlighted in v.12? Why are they important? i.e. what response to these limitation is Solomon desiring to produce?

Read Ecclesiastes 7:1, 14. What is the PRIZE to be pursued? Why is it better than any form of prosperity?

Why is the day of death better than a day of one's birth? What has more value – the day of prosperity or the day of adversity? How are we to respond to these times in our lives?

What truth must guide our response to the days of adversity?

Read Ecclesiastes 7:5-10.

What truth must we take to heart? How is this meant to affect our daily lives? Why do we prefer the house of feasting over the house of mourning? When we do this, who are we living for?

Why is sorrow better than laughter? How can our hearts be made better through sorrow?

Why is the heart of a fool in the house of pleasure? How have we seen this lived out in our culture?

How can we invite and welcome the rebuke of the wise? Why is it so hard for us to accept a rebuke? What is the song of fools? How does our culture immerse itself with such songs? What will never come from fools?

How does oppression or a bride test our character? What temptation do both present? How does God want us to respond?

What does faith believe about God's promises? How does pride corrupt patience? How does a patient spirit manifest itself in our lives? When is anger a demonstration of folly? Why are fools known by anger?

Why is it not wise to live attempting to perverse the past?

Read Ecclesiastes 7:11-12. How is wisdom a better defense than money? How do we know if we truly value wisdom? What does the person living in pursuit of God's wisdom do?

Read Ecclesiastes 7:13-14. How do we CONSIDER the Work of God? What does God want us to meditate upon? How are we to respond to the days of prosperity? Why? How does God want us to respond to the days of adversity? Why?