



INTRODUCTION

The world is full of injustice and oppression. Our hope is there is a time for judgment. But perhaps death will be an escape for the wicked.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

REVIEW

- Where does he see wickedness? What strikes you about what he says about oppression in 4:1-3?
- How is divine judgment an answer to oppression and injustice?
- What does he mean that God is testing us in 3:18?
- How are we like the animals?
- What do you think of v21?
- How is v22 an answer to the troubles of vv18-21?

APPLICATION

- Why does it disturb humanity so greatly when the halls of justice morph into the halls of corruption? Or when the rooms under a steeple become dens of iniquity? What does that tell us about us?
- What are some unjust things you see in the world?
- In what ways do we expect mercy for ourselves and desire justice for others?
- How can the church of Jesus Christ seek justice while waiting for Christ's return?
- How do you wait for justice? Are you ever tempted to be the judge? Discuss.

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer need