



## INTRODUCTION

How do we make sense of this painful world, where the good die young? We do so through wisdom. Godly wisdom guides us when we don't have all the answers.

## 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 7:13-7:29**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?
- How would you answer the question: "why do the righteous perish in their righteousness, while the wicked live long?"
- Who is the blame for this crooked world in light of vv13, 14, 20 & 29?

## REVIEW

- What does he mean that we shouldn't be overly righteous? Overly wicked (vv16-17)?
- What does it mean to fear God (v18)? How does Psalm 130:4 help?
- What is he teaching us in v23-24? Put his idea in your own words.
- What core Christian doctrines does v29 teach?

## APPLICATION

- What evidence is there that you fear God?
- How has wisdom given you the strength of ten rulers (v19)?
- How do you respond when you discover that someone has said something unkind about you? How should you respond? How does v22 help?
- How does v29 help solve the riddle of v15?
- In light of these verses where is your wisdom strong and where is your wisdom weak?

## 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