



INTRODUCTION

The world is full of injustice: The wicked prosper and the righteous suffer. What then should we do in an unjust world? Wait for justice, trust the Lord and do try to enjoy yourself.

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 8:10-17**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

REVIEW

- What does "Qoheleth" mean?
- What are some of the injustices that Qoheleth sees?
- What are the actions we should take in an unjust world?
- What is the problem of evil? Why does evil's presence prove that God exists?

APPLICATION

- Are you troubled by injustice & suffering? Have such realities ever shaken your faith? Discuss.
- What is the difference between finding God useful or beautiful?
- How is enjoying dinner an act of faith? Does how you eat show your faith in God?
- Is this a world of woe or a world of wonder? How can we maintain that tension?
- How should we respond to our lack of understanding? How should we respond when we don't get the answer to the why question?
- What are some ways Ecclesiastes points us to Jesus?

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 needs?