
Message Notes

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Bible Focus: Ecclesiastes 7

Current Series: The Chase

Message Title: The Better Life

True wisdom _____ and _____
our lives (Eccl. 7:5, 7, 9, 11-12, 26)

“Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing and benefits those who see the sun. Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it.” (vv. 11-12)

True wisdom is a source of _____ (Eccl. 7:19, 21-22)

“Wisdom makes one wise person more powerful than ten rulers in a city.” (v. 19)

True wisdom points us toward the _____ to our
greatest _____ (Eccl. 7:14-18, 20, 29)

“This only have I found: God created mankind upright, but they have gone in search of many schemes.” (v. 29)

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

Ecclesiastes 7

1. Read the first 10 verses of Ecclesiastes 7. Which one of the “better than” proverbs stands out the most to you? Which one surprises you? Are there any of them that you disagree with or find difficult to understand?
2. Refer to 7:1-4. What might be the advantages of death, mourning, and sorrow? How do these sobering realities affect you on a personal and practical level? How can you spend more time and energy focusing on the eternal?
3. Refer to verses 5, 21, and 22. How do you feel when someone rebukes or criticizes you? How *should* you respond in those moments? When is criticism helpful? When is it harmful?
4. Refer to verse 8. What are some ways in which we live in a “shortcut” society? How does that affect us? What are some things for which there can be no shortcuts?
5. Refer to verse 9. What types of situations make you impatient or angry? Would an objective person say that you have a problem with anger? How have you reacted foolishly in your anger?
6. How do verses 13-14 instruct us to respond when times are good? When times are bad? What do these verses have to say about the sovereignty of God?
7. Refer to verses 16-18. Why is it easier to have a higher opinion of ourselves than we should? How do you personally struggle with pride and self-righteousness?
8. In what area(s) of your life do you currently need wisdom as a source of strength (v. 19)?
9. How many truly wise people do you know? What character qualities do they share? What might keep you from being labeled a “wise” man or woman?