

ECCLESIASTES

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READ

- Read Ecclesiastes 8:1-17 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn. Consider reading the passage a second time in another translation (for instance, NIV or NLT) to aid in comprehension.

EXAMINE

- The Preacher recognizes the absurdity that the world is often backwards when it comes to good and evil (v.14). What is his solution to this reality?
- How does fear of God relate to the reality of injustice in the world?
- How does the Preacher's recommendation of having fun (v.15) fit into the flow of the passage? What kind of joy is he commending?
- How does the gospel assure us of the final defeat of wickedness and injustice? How does Jesus' life, death, and resurrection bring confidence that fearing God is better than doing evil?

APPLY

- How does this passage challenge us to live under imperfect authorities on earth? What are Christlike attitudes and habits we can exhibit toward leaders?
- Where do you wrestle with the reality that justice often seems slow or absent? How does this passage challenge you to respond?
- What are some examples of people today feeling "safe to do wrong" because justice seems slow/absent? How should we respond?
- What are some of joys of ordinary life you could cherish more in light of verse 15?
- Grounded in the gospel, how can we as a community pursue justice together?
- Grounded in the gospel, how can we as a community pursue joy together?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.