

ECCLESIASTES

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READ

- Read Ecclesiastes 7:1-25 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

- How does this passage present the pursuit of wisdom as a better response to this world's brokenness than escapism/denial?
- What are the limitations to wisdom in a broken world according to this passage?
- According to verses 23-25, how is wisdom insufficient to bring us complete knowledge about the entire world? How does this conclusion fit into the Preacher's larger message and argument in Ecclesiastes?
- What does this passage teach (explicitly or implicitly) about God and his character? What does it teach about humanity and the human condition?
- Verse 20 says, "Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins." Explain how Jesus' life, death, and resurrection form a proper understanding of this passage.

APPLY

- How does this passage help us recognize and embrace our limitations?
- Wisdom may not bring complete knowledge of the universe, but it still has value. What practices can you incorporate in your life to foster wisdom?
- Which of the wisdom statements resonates with you most? Why?
- What does the reality of verse 14—that God is sovereign over both prosperity and adversity—mean for your everyday discipleship? How does this truth challenge you to live both when your circumstances are good and when they are challenging?
- How does the knowledge that nobody (other than Jesus) is totally sinless teach us to live in community with one another?

PRAY

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