

# ECCLESIASTES

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## **READ**

- Read Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 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**

- David Gibson says the idea of verses 1-2 is that “because the future is uncertain, there is risk involved in what we do, but that risk is not meant to paralyze.” What is being communicated here about wise living?
- How does the repeated emphasis of “you do not know” (vv.2, 5, 6) shape the meaning of the passage?
- Verse 6 says that “you do not know which will prosper.” What does this reveal about human perspective on success and failure?
- What does this passage teach about the importance of not putting all one’s eggs in one basket? How does this fit into the Preacher’s larger argument in Ecclesiastes?

## **APPLY**

- In light of verses 1-2, and the idea that life has unavoidable risk, what might it look like to take risks for the sake of the gospel? What are some of the things you cling to tightly that this text might encourage you to hold more loosely?
- Where in life do you hesitate to act because you’re waiting for the perfect circumstances? What might it look like to act in faith? How can community help?
- How does verse 5 challenge you to live in relation to God?
- Do thoughts of success and failure dominate your thinking about life? How can you bring these thoughts more in line with the gospel? What does it look like to handle both earthly success and failure well?

## **PRAY**

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