



## Chasing The Wind Study Guide

**Bible Text:** Ecclesiastes 8

**Big Idea:** The wicked may prosper in this life, but the righteous will be in the next.

### Open Up

Where do you see evil ‘winning’ in this life? Why do you think it seems that way sometimes?

### Dig In

**Read Ecclesiastes 8:10-13**

What stands out about the man Solomon is describing in this passage? How was he living a hypocritical life? Why do you think his large, beautiful funeral struck a chord with Solomon?

Why does God not stop evil in this world immediately? What does it mean to fear God? How does God respond to those who fear Him compared to those who do not?

**Read Ecclesiastes 8:14-15**

Have you ever been asked “Why do good things happen to bad people?”

Why do you think that question is so popular and polarizing to many unbelievers (and believers)? What would be your response if someone asked you?

Why do you think Solomon follows this seemingly dark/disturbing truth with a plea for joy? How does joy help believers persevere through this world?

**Read 2 Peter 2:4-10**

How has God judged the sinful and saved the faithful? How does God continue doing so today?

How will God judge for eternity? Does this knowledge of God’s ultimate judgment provide any peace or hope for you? How can we rely on this future when the world seems so backwards?

### Close Out

How can you exercise your fear of God this week? How can you pursue joy this week when you are faced with the evil of this world?