



Study Guide – Ecclesiastes Session 5

Week Commencing 17th February 2019

PLEASE NOTE – IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO QUESTIONS 4&5. IF YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO STRUGGLE TO COMPLETE THE WHOLE STUDY IN YOUR GROUP, PLEASE DO 4&5

Part 1 – Examining Wickedness

Please read **Ecclesiastes 8.11-13; 2 Peter 3.3-12**

1. How do these passages speak into your heart and life right now? What do you think God is saying to you?
2. Why do you think this teaching is so relevant and urgent for our generation and society? What do you think you need to do about it?

Part 2 – Godly Wisdom is not always Welcomed

Please read **Ecclesiastes 9.1; 9.13-10.1**

3. How does this story encourage you to persevere in trying to live and share godly wisdom amongst your friends, family, colleagues and neighbours – even when they might not appreciate your efforts?

Part 3 – Living Wisely in an Uncertain World

“The whole section from ch10 to the end of the book is a sustained call to decision. The Teacher uses everyday and commercial scenarios to highlight our spiritual need to respond to God without delay, in whole-hearted faith, whether life is adverse or comfortable, for we are marching towards that day when we will come before our Maker.” Peter Kidner, The Message of Ecclesiastes

Please read **Ecclesiastes 10.8-9; 11.4**

4. Do you feel like there is a danger that you are becoming too cautious in your spiritual life?

Please read **Ecclesiastes 11.1-2, 6; Matthew 25.14-25**

5. The Teacher uses a commercial scenario to teach us the need to steward and invest our whole lives in whole-hearted and bold adventurous faith. How are you going to invest in growing kingdom wealth in your own life and in the lives of others? What might hold you back?

Ask others to pray for you and hold you accountable so that nothing holds you back as you begin to venture out with your ships of faith.