

Crookedness: Wise and Fools

1. God is in _____

2. God uses crooked times to _____ us

Peace is found when we put our _____ in _____

NEXT WEEK:

Reel Grace: ONWARD

(Communion Sunday at Home)

ECCLESIASTES

ANCIENT WISDOM FOR REAL LIFE

God's Peace in Reality

Ecclesiastes 7:1-15

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Three aspects of life are presented in this passage: death, patience, and crookedness. The Preacher helps us understand how to act wisely and how to find peace.

Death: Wise and Fools

1. The wise person is _____ by _____

2. The wise person knows _____ is not the _____

3. The wise person gives their _____ and _____ to God

Patience: Wise and Fools

1. The patient person _____ to _____

2. The patient person _____ to _____

3. The patient person finds _____ in _____

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Growth Group Interaction Guide

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. During the COVID-19 crisis, our groups are meeting both live and virtually.

If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, please contact any one of our campus pastors or go to gracecentralcoast.org/groups.

Connect

What were your highs and lows of the past week?

Discuss

1. Read Ecclesiastes 7 together as you gather in your Growth Group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you? What did you learn or what were you reminded of in this study?
2. Death compels us to consider what's important this side of eternity. How has the reality of death informed you? What has it caused you to consider?
3. Which of the three characteristics of the patient person would you like to improve upon (actively listening to others, listening to correction, finding validation in Christ)?
4. Verse 13 points out how we can't hope to make straight what God has made crooked. How can you find God's peace even amidst Crookedness?

5. Verse 15 mentions that even if we do the right thing, we may be extremely disappointed. Why should we still be conformed to the image of Christ even if the results on this side of eternity aren't guaranteed?

6. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** How can your growth group do a better job of listening and supporting one another?

7. **Your Growth Group as Servants and Missionaries:** What are some intentional questions you could ask someone who you know that is being challenged by tough times?

Pray

- Pray that we would seek God's peace in our lives.
- Pray that we would trust God's control in our lives.
- Pray that we would all conform more and more to the image of Christ.
- Pray that those who don't yet know Jesus would come to know Him.
- Pray for those directly affected by COVID-19.

Write
