

Wisdom in Vanity  
Ecclesiastes 6:10-7:14  
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## Growth Group Questions

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1. What questions is the author of Ecclesiastes asking in 6:10-12? How does he provide an answer in chapter 7?
2. Why is it better to go the house of mourning than the house of feasting? What wisdom about life does the reality of death teach us?
3. How might you be tempted to ignore or whitewash the unpleasant realities of life? Why is this unwise for us to do?
4. Can you relate to the type of feelings the author describes in 7:10? How so?
5. Why is the kind of impatient anger he describes in 7:10 unwise?

6. Why is it important for us to remember that God has made our days of joy and our days of adversity? How does this give you hope amid trials?

**Next Week: Eccl. 7:15-29**

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James 1:2-6

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Psalm 119:71-77

It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
that I might learn your statutes.

The law of your mouth is better to me  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
give me understanding that I may learn your  
commandments.

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
because I have hoped in your word.

I know, O LORD, that your rules are righteous,  
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

Let your steadfast love comfort me  
according to your promise to your servant.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;  
for your law is my delight.