

LIFE Group Guide

Wisdom and Folly

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THE ORCHARD

Read: Ecclesiastes 7:1-13

Outline:

Ten Better Than Good Pursuits

1. Better than pricey perfume... a good reputation (vs. 1a)
2. Better than being born... dying. (vs. 1b)
3. Better than feasting... mourning. (vs 2 & 4)
4. Better than laughing... weeping. (vs. 3 & 6)
5. Better than a great song.... a wise rebuke (vs. 5)
6. Better than tight control ... humble patience (vs. 7 & 8b & 9)
7. Better than a strong start... finishing well (vs. 8a)
8. Better than "the good ole days"... bright wisdom for today (10 &11)
9. Better than financial security... a saved life. (12)
10. Better than this crooked life... the best life, hidden in Christ. (13)

Discussion Questions

1. What was something from the passage/message that led you to think, feel, or act biblically?
2. How does this passage connect with our lives today?
3. How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?
4. What would you want others to say about you and how you lived your life? (7:1a)
5. What is the purpose of finishing well? Why is being like Christ important in that purpose? (7:1b, 8)
6. What would it look like to live a life that is open in taking feedback from those close to you? What steps would you take to model this in your life? (7:5-6)