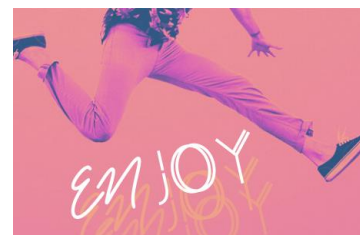


# Life Group

Discussion Guide

## **Exploring the Word – Ecclesiastes 7:15-29**

1. Read Ecclesiastes 7:15-18. What “extremes” keep us from chasing our destiny with God? What does our worship look like when we fear God and chase him?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 7:19-22. How can one person of destiny shape an entire town/community (v. 19)? Why should a person of destiny not be surprised when criticized?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 7:23-25. How many times does the author use the word “I” in these verses? What is the danger of relying on oneself to figure things out?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 7:26-29. Why should believers not look for “destiny” in romantic/sexual relationships? How is this type of thinking prevalent in American culture today?
5. What does the author’s conclusion about God indicate about one’s destiny (v. 29)?
6. What other questions do you have about this passage of Scripture?



## ENJOY DESTINY: PART 2

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### **Ecclesiastes 7:15-29**

#### **I. Some of destiny is outside of our control (vv. 15-18)**

- Some life experiences are \_\_\_\_\_ due to sin.
- Tragedies are not our destiny but can \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Destiny isn’t getting \_\_\_\_\_ in life through relationship with God.
- Excessive righteousness, wisdom and wickedness are equally \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 16:1-4; Lk. 18:9-14)

#### **II. Destiny is making an imperfect impact (vv. 19-22)**

- One person of destiny can impact a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Destiny is impacting \_\_\_\_\_ with the truth and love of Jesus.
- No person is deserving of a more \_\_\_\_\_ life from God.
- Longing for the “\_\_\_\_\_” is unwise.

#### **III. Destiny involves community involvement (vv. 23-25)**

- Understanding destiny requires more than our own \_\_\_\_\_.
- No one can be completely \_\_\_\_\_. (1Jn. 2:27, Mk. 13:22, Lk. 17:23)
- Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ if done right, but will cost the community destiny.
- We contribute to or contradict destiny through what we \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **IV. Destiny isn’t found in romance (vv. 26-29)**

- Destiny and identity are never found in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ provides a partner who equally values both destinies.
- Destiny is not finding the right person in life, but rather \_\_\_\_\_ to be the right person.
- God destined relationship to be \_\_\_\_\_ in loving commitment.