# Harbor Trinity Groups

*Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title**: A Weary World: Wisdom in a Weary World
**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 7:1-19
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1. How do you spend time with Jesus everyday? Is there a particular place, plan, etc. that you use? If not, what have been some of the barriers or challenges you have experienced?

2. What was your experience as Justin led us through the process he uses to spend time with Jesus everyday? Have you utilized the S.O.A.P. (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) method before?

3. Let's read Ecclesiastes 7:1-14 once more. Which verse did you choose on Sunday morning? Is there a reason why? Is there a different verse that sticks out to you now?

4. Some people prefer to read a Proverb a day each month; others commit to a chapter of a Gospel. If you have been unable to find a rhythm that works for you, is there one that you would be willing to commit to today?

5. Do you believe that God makes the day of prosperity and the day of adversity (7:14)? Is this how you have understood your daily experience with God or has it only been one or the other?

6. Ecclesiastes 7:15-18 are fascinating. King Solomon creates a juxtaposition between righteousness and wickedness along with wisdom and foolishness. What conclusion did he arrive at? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?

7. One of the truths within these verses is that we are not able to manipulate God by our righteous actions. Just as wickedness/foolishness is not a route to success, neither is our belief that God owes us due to our behavior. Have you ever believed that God "owed" you because of decisions or behaviors? Why or why not?

8. As we read Ecclesiastes 7:20, it is reminiscent of Paul's words in Romans 3:9-20. How do you understand and read these two passages?

9. King Solomon provides a related conclusion in Ecclesiastes 7:29. Do you believe that God has made everyone upright, but we have gone astray? Or, do you believe something else? Where do you base this decision?

10. King Solomon provides a confession in Ecclesiastes 7:26-28. He is notorious for his 700 wives (of royal birth or princesses) and 300 concubines. What do his reflections within these verses say about his heart? Why do you think this was such a snare for him (and others)?

11. In Ecclesiastes 1:16, King Solomon said, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me." His statements in Ecclesiastes 7:23-24 can feel contradictory. Why are these verses not in conflict? How does it help us as we consider our pursuit of wisdom?