

Life Is
Week 7 - Life is Mysterious
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The mysteries of life...

Big Idea: God allows mysteries to _____ us and lead us to _____.

Passage: Ecclesiastes 8-9

4 Ways We Can Deal With Life's Mysteries:

1. Stay _____ to those in authority. (8:1-6, Romans 13:1)

2. Embrace the truth that life is full of unfair _____, unjust _____, and untimely _____.
(8:10-12a, 14, 9:2-3, 11-12)

3. Remember that strength _____ and wisdom _____.
(9:13-18)

4. Respond to mystery with _____ and _____.
(8:12b, 15, 9:1, 7-9)

Next Steps:

1. Pray for those in _____.
2. Practice _____ in the midst of your mysteries.

Post it Note Practice:

3. Throw a _____ and give _____ to God.

Discussion Questions:

- Read Ecc. 8:16-17. How does not being able to know everything affect your faith and reliance on God?
- Pastor Josh shared about how we navigate the challenges of being under human authorities. Has there been a time when you stayed committed and have seen a turn around? Has there been a time when you had to leave a school, place of work or even a church? Explain.
- Chuck Swindoll said, "If God allows a mystery into your life, don't doubt or wonder if He's good. Let it inspire worship, not disbelief." Has there been a time in your life that a mystery has led you to a greater sense of worship? Share your story.
- Read Psalm 16:11, Psalm 118:24, Ecc. 8:15, 9:7, and 1 Thes. 5:16-18. Why does Scripture speak so often about our need to be joyful?
- Is it difficult for you to celebrate and find joy in life? If so, what are the things that keep you from experiencing joy? How can this group come along side of you to help you experience Godly joy?
- Review the Next Steps. Did you do any of them? What was the outcome?
- How has the Holy Spirit used this series so far to deepen your understanding of life, wisdom, faith, and God?

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