

WALKING WISELY UNDER THE SUN

(Ecclesiastes 8:1-9:1)

I. Wisdom acknowledges that life under the sun is _____
of our _____ (8:1-9).

1. We should live within the _____.

2. We should _____ our _____.

II. Wisdom acknowledges that life under the sun is _____
of _____ (8:10-15).

1. The flesh sees the _____ advantage of the
_____ of man.

2. The spirit sees the _____ advantage of the
_____ of God.

III. Wisdom acknowledges that life under the sun is _____
our _____ (8:16-9:1).

1. We cannot _____ all that God is _____.

2. We can _____ all into the _____ of God.

**Bottom Line: We are wise to acknowledge the _____
of God.**

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. Why are we to “keep the command of the king” (8:2; Rom. 13:1-2)? Where do you struggle with this idea of being in subjection to authority? Why?
2. What do you do when you feel out of control? Can you give an example in your own life when you felt out of control? What did you do?
3. How should we respond when we see people getting away with wickedness? See Psalm 37:1-8 for some help in this matter. How would you summarize the counsel given in Eccl. 8:10-15?
4. Are you the kind of person that likes to know everything? Does the conclusion (8:16-9:1) set well with you? Why or why not?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?