

THE PROVIDENTIAL HAND OF GOD

(Ecclesiastes 9:1-18)

We Can Trust the Hand of God

I. God's hand provides \_\_\_\_\_ (1-6).

1. We don't know \_\_\_\_\_ we will \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We don't know \_\_\_\_\_ we will \_\_\_\_\_.

3. We do know \_\_\_\_\_ we will \_\_\_\_\_.

II. God's hand provides \_\_\_\_\_ (7-10).

1. Find joy in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

2. Find joy in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

3. Find joy in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

III. God's hand provides \_\_\_\_\_ (11-18).

1. Our efforts do not always yield the \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Our efforts do not always yield the \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_.

**Group Discussion Questions**

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

1. How would you describe the providence of God? What truths about God do you hold on to when you are struggling with trusting God?
2. Are you comfortable talking about death? Why or why not? In what way does an awareness of death produce hope?
3. Where do you find the most enjoyment in life? Does this passage challenge you at all to find joy in other areas of life?
4. Have you ever felt like giving up because your work didn't produce what you expected? Has that ever happened in your serving of the Lord?
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?