

Family small group: Meeting God on the Crooked Path

Ecclesiastes 7:13-14

We all desire a straight path, but life is crooked. A straight path is comfortable and can be perceived as a success. A crooked path is uncomfortable and filled with twists and turns. There are many times when God meets us on a crooked path. The same was true for the 40-year crooked path of the Israelites, the crooked road of Joseph's life and for the life of the Apostle Paul. Let us hear what the evangelist says on the matters of the crooked path of life.

1. Verse 13, "Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked?" Have you experienced a crooked road in life that takes you away from your plan? How did you feel? What was God teaching you through that moment?
2. Verse 14, "In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider-." Think back to the worst moments of your life. When we look back on those days of adversity, were there any blessings in disguise? How does our faith and trust in God help us overcome difficult days?
3. The entire world is paralyzed by anxiety and fear of the coronavirus. Pray that your family will not be intimidated by this virus but actively seek a deeper relationship with God. Take some time to pray for the state of the world and for the healing of those infected with the virus.

Emphasized during the Sunday service

I do not know about tomorrow, I live day by day.
By chance or luck, it is not my way.

The road is rough and filled with trouble to no end.
Lord, Jesus, stretch out your arm and take my hand.

Gospel Project Questions

1. How did God show his unfailing faithful love to you? Share your personal experience.
2. It required Ruth to take a huge sacrifice in order to stay with Naomi. What are some things we as family sacrifice for each other?