

## DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

- 1. What is being compared/contrasted in these verses? What is the overall picture Solomon is painting here?
- 2. What does it appear that Solomon says he has observed in verses 5-7?
- 3. Does Solomon answer this apparent discrepancy of life highlighted in verses 5-7 with the remaining verses 8-20? If so, how?

## APPLYING GOD'S WORD

- 1. Can you think of a time that a moment of personal foolishness undermined months or even years of wise living? How long did it take to overcome (or move beyond) the effects?
- 2. How can Solomon's words encourage us toward patience in moments of perceived discrepancy where foolishness, or fools, seem to prevail over wisdom?

## PRAYING GOD'S WORD

- 1. Heavenly Father, help us to value wisdom over foolishness and to exercise self-control knowing you will bring both to light.
- 2. Help us to guard our words and submit them to your works.