



### **Life Group Study Questions Ecclesiastes 4**

1. Read Ecclesiastes 4 together. As you think about this weekend's sermon, what stood out to you? What questions come to mind? Was there anything unclear or confusing?
2. In verses 1-3, Qohelet addresses the idea of oppression in the world. Talk about different types of oppression you've seen in your own life. Have you ever felt so discouraged that you despaired of life? Read Jeremiah 20:14-18 and Job 3 to see other examples of this kind of despair. Do any other biblical examples come to mind?
3. In verses 4-8 Qohelet returns to the theme of work and toil. He says the main reason we work so hard is envy of our neighbour. Do you agree or disagree? Have you seen envy or jealousy of neighbour in your own life? Has it influenced your work habits?
4. In verses 13-16 Qohelet gives a small parable about a youth and a king. What is the key idea he is trying to get across?
5. Lastly, in verses 9-12, Qohelet talks about the need for community. Walk through the different examples he gives. Why is life better in community?
6. Pastor Andrew mentioned Aristotle's view of 3 kinds of friendship: utility, pleasure, and virtue. Do you have virtue friendships? (Friendships where love exists for its own sake)
7. Look up the following passages about friendship: Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 18:24, Proverbs 27:17, John 15:13. What seems to be the biblical view of friendship?
8. What are ways your life group can grow in this area? How can you deepen the level of friendship and community that exists?