

Ecclesiastes – Lesson 4 Workbook

Standing Alone

Ecclesiastes 4:1-3

1. What group of people does Solomon mention in this passage?

2. Solomon says those who are dead are happier than those who are alive. What do you think that means?

3. According to verse 3, who is the most fortunate group?

4. Why do you think Solomon is so upset by the oppression he saw?

Ecclesiastes 4:4-8

1. What is better according to Solomon, one handful or two? _____

2. Why do you think people chase more, bigger, and better?

3. Does it surprise you that this was true even back in Solomon's day?

4. Do you believe that stuff can make you happy? Why/why not?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

1. In verse 9, why is it better for people to work together?

2. Why is it better for one who falls not to be alone?

3. Why is better to lie down with another?

4. Solomon ties together sections on oppression and wealth by talking about how much we need each other. How do they relate?

Proverbs 17:17; 18:24

1. What does a friend do at all times? _____

2. Does this mean that they always get along, never confront, or give you the easy way out?

3. Solomon says friends are for what kind of time? _____

4. What happens to those with unreliable friends?

5. By contrast, what kind of friend should we strive to have?

Homework

- Memorize Ecclesiastes 4:12
- Take some time this week to pray for your friends, especially new friends you've recently met. Work on building trust between you and your close friends.