

ECCLESIASTES

WORKING IN VAIN

Ecclesiastes 4:4-16

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Read Ecclesiastes 4:4-16 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)

A repeated theme in Ecclesiastes, including four times in this passage, is that certain parts of life seem to be “vanity”. What does the writer mean by this word? If needed go back to chapter 1 and see how he introduces the idea of “vanity”.

When you consider how you spend your time and energy and the work that you engage in do you feel frustrated or fulfilled? Why?

“And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” – Ecclesiastes 4:12

When in your life have you felt alone? When have you felt the strength of close friendship?

How does the hope of the Gospel change your perspective on work? What does it look like to worship God through the work he has given you in this season of your life?