



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

February 9, 2020

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

“Hardship and Companionship”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

- 1) Verse 1 says that the oppressed weep because there was “no one to comfort them”.
 - a. What does it look like to “comfort the oppressed”?
 - b. Share stories of ways that you are currently comforting or caring for the oppressed. How can we partner together in this care?
 - c. Share ways that you know IDC is caring for the oppressed (through individuals or ministries). How can we partner as a GG with these efforts?
- 2) This text shows that our motivations in our work/toil matter.
 - a. When it comes to work/toil, what motivation do you tend to most often lean toward? Tony mentioned envy, laziness, contentment, and greed.
 - b. When you see someone successful what is your response? (This may help discover the answer to question “a”).
 - c. How can you better strive toward contentment in your work?
- 3) What a joy that, as Christians, we have Christ and we have one another
 - a. Are you properly treasuring the relationships that Christ has given you through this church?
 - b. How can we push against the individualism that is so prevalent in our western culture?
- 4) Tony said, “Wisdom comes from humble godliness over time.”
 - a. Based on that statement, would you say you are getting wiser or are you only getting older?
 - b. What daily steps can you take to pursue this type of sustained wisdom?
 - c. What advice would you have for one who desires this type of wisdom but struggles with consistent godliness?