
New Perspective

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

1. Bless don't oppress - vv. 1-3
2. Be content - Vv. 4-8
3. Value friendships - vv. 9-12
4. Trust God's faithfulness - vv. 13-16

ONE THING

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At Home Study Guide

For the week of January 29, 2023

There is tension in this life between our expectations and reality. We seek what can satisfy us, but nothing in this world ever will. Solomon already went on this quest for us, and in Ecclesiastes, he provides wisdom from God. “[T]his is not the kind of book that we keep reading until we get the answer, but the kind of book that helps us know how to serve God when we do not have all the answers.” (Philip Ryken) Join us on this quest for the one who can truly satisfy.

1. Solomon contrasts envy with contentment in 4:1-6. Read Prov. 16:8 & 17:1. Why should we live with contentment?

2. Why is living in community better than isolation, according to Solomon (4:7-16)? Which examples in this section were most helpful to you?

3. As you think about contentment and community, how is God challenging you or encouraging you in these areas?

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