

What are you chasing?

BIG IDEA: Stop chasing _____; start prioritizing _____.

PASSAGE: Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

4 Urgent Messages for our Over-Informed, Hyper-Competitive, Socially-Isolated, Lonely World:

1. The world is _____. (v1-3)

2. We are _____. (v4-8)

3. The right _____ make life better. (v9-12)

4. _____ are actually defeats. (v13-16)

Next Steps:

1. Beware of the _____ to relationships.

2. Focus on the _____ of relationships rather than the _____.

3. _____ relationships where you are today.

Discussion Questions:

-What tempts you to feel despair today? How might you change how you "see" those circumstances in light of what you're learning during our study of Ecclesiastes?

-In Ecclesiastes 4, Solomon says that all labor is motivated by greed and envy. What do you think about this statement? In what arenas of your life is this an accurate statement?

-Pastor Scott talked a lot about comparison in this message. In what ways is comparison keeping you from finding peace and contentment?

-Andy Stanley said, "You cannot compete or compare your way to peace." What steps can you take to change your relationship with competition and comparison?

-The Big Idea of today's message talks about prioritizing relationships. If you did that, what would it look like? What would have to change in your life for you to treat relationships as importantly as Solomon did?

-Pastor Scott described how many people he knows who are lonely and isolated today. He talked about how those people often hyper-focus on the risks of relationships. What does it look like to focus on the benefits of relationships instead of the risks?

-How can you intentionally build relationships where you are today?

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