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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Ecclesiastes: Ancient Wisdom Learned In 2020
Ep. 4 Two Are Better Than One & Three Are Greater Than Two
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Do we see people hurting and how can we help bring comfort? 4:1

*Again I looked and saw all the oppression that was taking place under the sun:
I saw the tears of the oppressed — and they have no comforter;
power was on the side of their oppressors — and they have no comforter.*

Do we see people working at life alone and what can we do to help? 4:7-8

*⁷ Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:
⁸ There was a man all alone;
he had neither son nor brother.
There was no end to his toil,
yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.
“For whom am I toiling,” he asked,
“and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?”
This too is meaningless — a miserable business!*

How are two better than one? 4:9-11

*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:
¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.
¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?*

How are three stronger than two? 4:12

*Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Small Group Questions:

1. Describe a time when you were alone in your struggle and had no one to help. Then, describe how someone helped you get out of your situation or pain?
2. How has work, desire, or your goals robbed you from good friendships or better family relationships? How did God cause you to let go of these destructive habits? Do you need help letting go of your toil in these areas?
3. How has being on a team helped you accomplish goals or work better than being alone?
4. When have you fallen in a pit and how and who helped you out of it?
5. Describe how certain people “warm” your life when you grow cold.
6. How has God become the cord of three strands in your life ?