

## Passage Study Guide - Ecclesiastes 4:1-5:7

Series: Ecclesiastes



### **Part 1: Getting to the Big Idea**

*Questions get to the Big Idea of the passage*

1. What are the four “vanities” that the Preacher observes in 4:1-16?
2. How is 5:1-7 similar or different from the previous sections?
3. In 5:1-7, what leads to vanity and why?
4. What is the attitude that the Preacher is encouraging when we approach God? How is it an antidote to the vanity of life?

### **Part 2: Takeaways & Applications**

*Applying the passage to our lives to grow in Christlikeness*

#### **Fallen Condition Questions**

*Considering our idols and temptations; how we are both sinners and sufferers*

1. What are some of the Preacher’s observations that resonate with us? What do these “vanities” reveal about what lies we have believed in?

#### **Personal Renewal Questions**

*Considering how we can be renewed and transformed in Christlikeness*

2. Read Psalms 73:16-17, and Philippians 4:6-7. How does drawing near to God help us to respond to the vanities that resonate with us?
3. Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and John 16:33. How do the Cross and Jesus’ promise to return again cement our confidence and peace when dealing with the vanities of life?

#### **Shaping Church Culture Questions**

*Considering how the gospel shapes and permeates the culture within our community*

4. The Preacher says that “two is better than one.” Let’s now help one another to draw near to God, to seek and listen to Him in the face of the vanities we struggle with.