

Good Work
Ecclesiastes 4:4-16
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Growth Group Questions

1. What was one of the worst jobs you have ever had? Why?
2. How do laziness and envy misuse God's good gift of work in different ways? Which are you more prone to? Why?
3. How do vv. 13-16 illustrate the pointlessness of being envious and discontent?
4. According to vv. 7-12 why is working with others so important? How have you learned these lessons in your life?
5. Given all the benefits of having others in our lives, why do we still struggle with the tendency to isolate ourselves?

6. What does it mean that Jesus is a “friend of sinners”?
How does this encourage you to work with joy?

Next Week: Ecclesiastes 5:1-6:9

Psalm 39:4-7

“O LORD, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! *Selah*
Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!
“And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

John 6:24-29

So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”