



## Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on May 12, 2024

**John 15:12 (NASB)**

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

**Titus 1: 10-11 (NASB)**

10 For there are many rebellious people, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of dishonest gain.

**Titus 2:4-6 (NASB)**

4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

**Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 (NASB)**

12 I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; 13 moreover, that every person who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—this is the gift of God.

**Ecclesiastes 4:6-12 (NASB)**

6 One hand full of rest is better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind.

7 Then I looked again at futility under the sun. 8 There was a man without a dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet there was no end to all his labor. Indeed, his eyes were not satisfied with riches, and he never asked, "And for whom do I labor and deprive myself of pleasure?" This too is futility, and it is an unhappy task.

9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor; 10 for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up! 11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

**Matthew 6:24 (NASB)**

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

**Luke 16: 9 (NASB)**

9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it is all gone, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

## DIGGING DEEPER

**What are the ingredients for a home? What's the difference between a good home and a bad home?**

**Read John 15:12-13**

**How is this kind of love shown to others?**

**Why can this kind of love be hard to show in a home?**

**Read Titus 2:4-6**

**How can God's word be "dishonored"? Who has this responsibility? (Hint: "Likewise")**

**Read Ecclesiastes 4:6**

**What happens to a home when one or all the members are "striving after wind"?**

**Read Ecclesiastes 4:7-8**

**What is the writer saying would have been better for this man in these verses?**

## DIGGING DEEPER

While exceptions exist, most “successful” people regret the relationships that success ruins. How do you keep the right perspective when balancing work and home?

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

When was a time in your life when it was better to have someone else with you? If you are married, when was a time in your life when it was better that your spouse was with you?

How can we build relationships that are “cords of three”?

How can your home be better this week than last week?

## TAKING IT HOME

## PRAYER REQUEST

