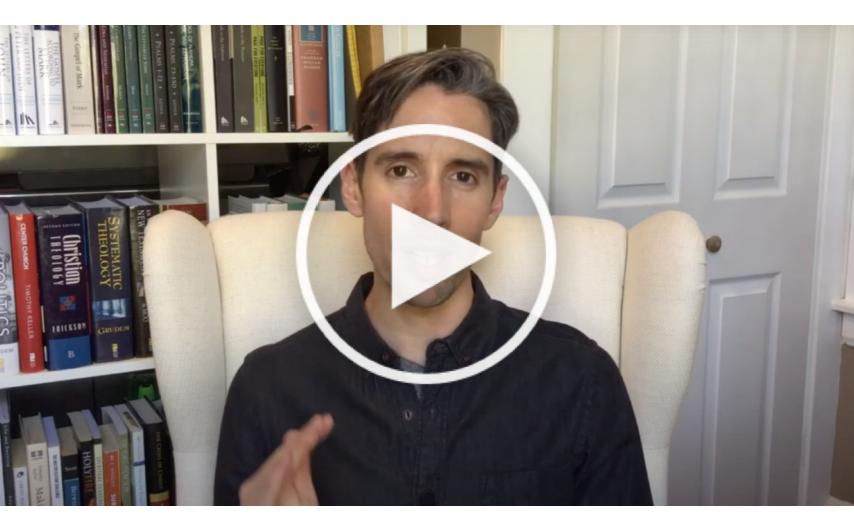


## CONNECT

- Where do you go when you need to get away and spend some time alone?
- When you need to be comforted, what typically works well?
- As we've worked our way through Ecclesiastes, how has your concept of wisdom been shaped or reshaped?

## RECAP

Watch the message recap video by clicking below.



#### **MAIN THEMES**

**Big Idea:** Without the just one from beyond the sun, we have no hope for justice under the sun.

**Christ-Connect:** King Jesus laid down his power to love those who were oppressed by sin.

**Application:** We must reject heretical ideas about how God's kingdom comes in our world, and embrace our new identity.

## READ & DISCUSS

#### **READ**

Ecclesiastes 4:1-7

#### **DISCUSS**

There are four false methods through which humans try and bring God's kingdom under the sun: religious nationalism; religious tribalism; Christian other-ism; and therapeutic narcissism. Which of these do you see most often in your circles, and how does the Teacher help you understand why it fails?

## READ & DISCUSS

#### **READ**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-16

#### **DISCUSS**

Power's not the reserve currency of the kingdom of God. Love is. In what ways is God calling you to use this currency of love for his kingdom purposes in your life right now?

### READ & DISCUSS

#### **READ**

John 1:9-13

#### **DISCUSS**

Jesus gave up his power to give us the right to become children of God. How does Jesus's act of love make you think about your own identity?

## PRAYER

Pray prayers of repentance for the ways we try and bring God's kingdom through the wrong methods. Spend time glorifying Jesus for his great act of love.

# DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with?

