

To help us connect with each other while meeting together is limited by the pandemic, we are going to produce simple bible study notes based on our Sunday sermons. They are designed to be used in small groups on Zoom, members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

9th May. Name. Ian Sweeney

Bible Passages

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Theme & Introduction

Given that humanity has a need for relationship and Jesus tells his followers that their relationships will be a witness to the world; perhaps there is a need for a greater focus on our relationships.

Questions

1. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.
Consider relationships across our church.
Is there anything within this passage that speaks to you, either in how you're feeling or perhaps how someone you know might be feeling at the minute?
Cov-19 has brought a lot of change, however, as we are approaching a more normal existence; what could we as a church do to strengthen our relationships?
2. Ian said that there doesn't seem to be a lot of emphasis on working at relationships within churches. Do you agree with this? If so, why do you think this is?
3. Ian explained that our greatest wounds come from relationships, however, the deepest healing comes from within relationships. Do you think this is true? What does this mean for the church?
4. V12 Says "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." If we take this as a picture of people weaving themselves together in relationship around Jesus, how do we place Jesus at the centre of our relationships?