Studies from Ecclesiastes on life and living

July 11th, 2010
Today's Study:
Me & You together under the sun.

Life under the Sun

Prayerfully nurturing and sending discipled believers to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

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going deeper (for family or small group study)...

- Solomon was troubled by the plight of the oppressed. Who in our world do you think are the most oppressed? What can you do to help them? What WILL you do to help them?
- Who are "the oppressed" in the Steinbach area? What can you do to help them? What WILL you do to help them?
- Abuse of power often leads to oppression. What type of power do you have that could be abused? Do you ever abuse that power?
- In Eccl 4:4 Solomon suggests that all labour and achievement comes from the envy of a neighbor. Is that a fair statement? Why or why not? If our work and achievement springs from something other than envy, what would it be? How does involving God in our world change that observation?
- In Eccl 4:8 Solomon talks about the man who works hard to make money, but was all alone. Why would that be "miserable business?" What do you think that man would have to do to gain meaning in his life of toil?
- In Eccl 4:9-12 Solomon lists the benefits of friends. What are those benefits? Did he miss anything? If so, what? How could these benefits show themselves in family? What should they look like in the church?
- Read Eccl 4:13-16. Why does Solomon suggest that the old king was foolish? Share an example of when the wisdom of youth was greater than that of an "older person."