



Sunday Bible Study Guide | September 14, 2025

Sermon

Indestructible Community - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 4:1-12

Context: Without Christ as the cornerstone of your life, and without Christian community, the weight of your world - and *the* world - will crush you. Pastor Jared reminds us that we can live in an *indestructible community* - where we share our burdens and carry our burdens, where we share unity so that we don't have to process life alone.

Mixer

1. How much screen time do you typically have in a week? Share what your phone's screentime tracker shows for just today.
2. What draws you to picking up that screen?

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Ecclesiastes 4:1-12. What is this passage's theme?
2. What are some of the wisdoms presented?
3. Was there anything about the passage that didn't make sense to you?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Based on King Solomon's wisdom, Pastor Jared talked about building a strong indestructible community around us. What are the benefits of investing in these 4 types of communities outlined in today's passage: Work, Fall, Cold, Battle? (hint: the 4 chairs on the stage)
2. Describe a cord of 3 strands and why it is not easily broken?
3. What is the ultimate spiritual metaphor of the cord of 3 strands? How does this metaphor show up in your relationships and change your life?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. Pastor Jared said: "We are overstimulated by everything around us and underconnected in relationship." Where are you overstimulated and where are you underconnected?
2. Pastor Jared revealed the world is facing a loneliness crisis that leads to numbness. Are there moments when you look at a situation and say "I don't care"? Is this the enemy's playground?
3. Share a time when your numbness to the world got in the way of loving like Jesus. Or, is the Holy Spirit nudging you now and showing you a rough spot?
4. From the passage in Ecclesiastes, Solomon presents how we can show up in the world with one of 3 postures: folded hands, one fist/one open hand, or two clenched fists. Describe these 3 postures and the view of the world each one represents. Which one are you most of the time? Which one is the goal?
5. What is the spiritual principle of the 'one fist/one open hand posture', and how does that reflect health in our faith?
6. THIS WEEK: Pastor Jared used the quote from CT Studd: "*Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last.*" The eternal. How will you start each day motivated to show up with your whole heart and give it everything you've got?

Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

Your Circle Can Make An Impact!

We have a few more spots available for the Lake Hodges Clean Up on Saturday, Sept 27!!



Trunk or Treat is coming up Saturday, Oct 25.
Sign up to decorate your car or volunteer!



Want To Be Baptized? Next one is Sept 28!

