

# Real Community: Ecclesiastes

*This study is meant as an introductory study, not an in-depth study. We typically suggest 15–20 minutes for the study. It can easily be expanded with more discussion questions. This is great to use with History Giving at the beginning of the school year.*

In what ways have the communities you have been involved with in the past shaped who you are?

## **Ecclesiastes 4:9–12**

From verse 9 what are some benefits to fellowship?  
There is synergy—more can be accomplished.

From verse 10 what are some benefits to fellowship?  
Help support each other when we are in need.

From verse 11 what are some benefits to fellowship?  
Help comfort one another.

From verse 12 what are some benefits to fellowship?  
Brings strength and accountability.

It helps us bear more fruit, gives us the support we need, helps comfort us and know that we are not alone, and brings strength and accountability.

What ingredients will be essential for this type of fellowship to happen in our lives? *May be good time to go over Essential Characteristics of a Healthy Core Group or look at Developing a Group Covenant.*