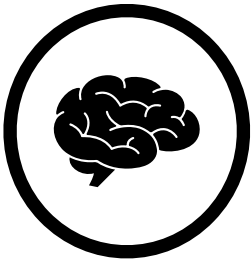


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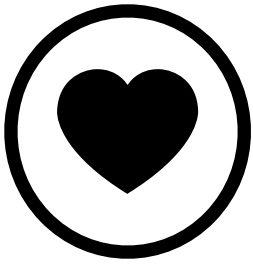
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Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. The Psalm breaks into 3 sections: vs.1, vs.2 and vs.3-5. Summarise what each section is saying?
2. The word 'vain' is repeated frequently. What does this mean biblically?
3. How should we view our work according to this passage?
4. What does this Psalm tell us about God's work and ours?
5. In what way does the illustration of children emphasise the previous verses?
6. What does this Psalm say about the sovereignty of God?
7. What would you say to a fellow believer who claimed they didn't need insurance because the Lord was 'watching over their city'?



Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu began by imagining Solomon reviewing the work of his hands. What are some of the accomplishments of Solomon (1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8)?
2. Is there a danger that we can become prideful in the success of our work, thinking it is all of our own doing? How does Psalm 127 ground us?
3. Stu mentioned two 'lies' that Psalm 127 keeps us from. 1. God does nothing, we do everything and 2. God does everything, we do nothing. Which are you more in danger of falling for?
4. Stu used the phrase, 'God is at work, in our work'. How does this phrase encourage you in discipleship / work / life?
5. What examples can you think of in Scripture where we see God at work in and through ordinary people?



Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. Stu suggested 3 ways we can join God in His work on our frontline. Pray, persuade and serve - which of these do you need to work on?
2. Stu suggested that as KBC moves towards a pastoral vacancy there is the opportunity to 'step up'. What might this mean for you?
3. Ask God to show you how He is at work in you and through you on your frontline?

Use the below space to write you own prayer of response