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MESSAGE NOTES

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Introduction

Ecclesiasties 3:11

¹¹ He has made everything appropriate in its time. <u>He has also set eternity in their heart</u>, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning event to the end.

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven--

Ecclesiasties 3

²A time to give birth and a time to die;

A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

³A time to kill and a time to heal;

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

⁴A time to weep and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

⁵ A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.

⁶A time to search and a time to give up as lost;

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

⁷A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

⁸ A time to love and a time to hate:

A time for war and a time for peace.

¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; ¹³ moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor-- it is the gift of God.

(Bible Study Hint: Look for words that are repeated!)

The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. ¹⁴ For God will bring every act to judgement, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

So What?!

How do you find purpose in the seasons of life?

#1. The Season of Fall: Transition

The emotion: Anxiety The opportunity: Trust

Theme: Trust in the Lord with all your heart,

Prov. 3:5

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#2. The Season of Willer, Loss	
The emotion: Sadness The opportunity: Connection Theme: For the Lord does not forsake His	
godly ones, Ps. 37:28	
#3. The Season of Spring: Beginning	
The emotion: Excitement	
The opportunity: Growth	
Theme:if any man is in Christ, he is a new	
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#4. The Season of Summer: Productivity	
The emotion: Joy	
The opportunity: Celebration	
Theme: And you may spend the money for	
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of the Lord your God and rejoice, you and	
your household. Deut. 14:22-29	
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GROUP DISCUSSION

Read: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 & I Kings 3:3-15

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Solomon asked for a discerning heart and it pleased God. Why is wisdom and discernment so important in decision making in life? What's one decision you've had to make that you thought would go one direction, only to turn and go the opposite?

Solomon wrote, "He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end." Do you think all people throughout all time and in all cultures have all had a sense that there is life after death, or a god of some kind in heaven, or a fate after death to go to either heaven or hell?

How do you find purpose in the seasons of life?

Discuss each season below and very briefly describe how you've gone through that season and how the Biblical theme helped you or would have helped you cope with the emotion of the season and if you were able to take advantage of each opportunity:

- #1. The Season of Fall: Transition, The emotion: Anxiety, The opportunity: Trust Theme: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Prov. 3:5
- #2. The Season of Winter: Loss, The emotion: Sadness, The opportunity: Connection Theme: For the Lord does not forsake His godly ones, Ps. 37:28
- #3. The Season of Spring: Beginning, The emotion: Excitement, The opportunity: Growth Theme: ...if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature, II Cor. 5:17
- #4. The Season of Summer: Productivity, The emotion: Joy, The opportunity: Celebration,
 Theme: And you may spend the money for whatever your heart desires...in the presence of the Lord your
 God and rejoice, you and your household. Deut. 14:22-29

Family Time: Use II Cor. 5:17 to explain to your kids how Jesus makes us new by giving us new abilities like being a new creature to love people, service people, be patient with people, share joy with people. Help them understand where they are growing spiritually and how God is building them! Ask them, "If you could change anything and have a Jesus super power what would you do?"