

part 1, When Life Makes Sense

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**Icebreaker:** If you had to describe your current life season as a type of weather, what would it be, and why? (ex: sunny skies, overcast & gloomy, etc.)

1) Read through Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 below. What season of life are you in right now? Describe some of the circumstances that have led you to be in the season that you are in right now. Where do you see God in your current season - what do you think He is asking of you?

For everything there is a **season**, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

- 2) When have you experienced an "orientation season" a time when life felt stable, blessed, and full of joy?
- 3) Some of the dangers of orientation are pride, entitlement, idolatry, slothfulness. Which of these do you feel most tempted by when life is going well?
- 4) Seasons of orientation are both a gift and a test. In your life, how have you seen stability test your faith as much as struggle?
- 5) Which spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, generosity, service) are easiest to neglect when life feels easy?
- 6) Seasons in life do change. What are some habits or foundations you can build in a season of orientation to be ready when disorientation comes?
- 7) Take time to pray for one another.

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