"Wisdom for the Middle Season" Seasons Series Discussion Questions

Ice Breaker:

- Describe a time when you experienced the disappointment of something not turning out like you had hoped. (For example, a race, a project, a home purchase, a vacation, etc.)
- o How did you respond?

What do you associate with someone having a "mid-life crisis"?

- o If you're in the Middle Season of life (~35-55 years old) or older, have you experienced something like a "mid-life crisis"? What did it look like?
- What causes people to have a "crisis" or simply struggle in this season of life?
- o If you're in the Younger Season of life, what do you think about the idea of possibly experiencing a kind of "crisis" as you get older?

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.

- o What emotions do you feel after reading that?
- O What is the writer's point?
- o Do you resonate with what he is saying about life as he looks back?

• Read Colossians 2:6-7.

- o What does Paul mean by "as you received Christ Jesus the Lord"?
- What is the one command in this passage?
- What does he mean by "walk in him"? What words in the passage further describe what he means?
- How does his passage challenge or encourage someone specifically in the Middle Season of life?

Application & Reflection

- Which of the gospel identities (citizen, family, missionary) does this message most intersect?
- o What will you do in response? How can your group help?