Seasons

Winter

A season: when events and experiences group together, but also relate to an even grander story.

The Four Seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall

There is a winter.

Not the <u>popular</u> season. A <u>misunderstood</u> season. A <u>dreaded</u> season. A <u>liminal</u> season.

What's not happening:

- Activity
- Productivity
- <u>Color</u>
- <u>Fun</u>

What is happening:

- A time of <u>rest</u> (Shalom)
- A time to be
- A time to wait
- A time to grow down

What to do now:

Examine your <u>heart</u> Engage the <u>disciplines</u> Enter the <u>depths</u> Of sorrow, and of love.

Be a <u>receiver</u> now, not a <u>taker</u>.

Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite season and why?

2. What season do you feel you are in? What season do you think our church is in?

3. Are you comfortable with some seasons being colder and darker than others? Why or why not?