Ecclesiastes #5 (3:1-15) "The Time is Right"

Investigating the meaning of life, by Pastor Jason on 11-5-23

1. God appoints **TIMES** and **SEASONS** (3:1-8)

*Which creates FAITH and WORRY

*But God has a <u>PURPOSE</u>... So remember:

No season is <u>FOREVER</u> and you can't <u>CONTROL</u> it

2. We live in a world of **CHANGE**

*Some is <u>PLEASANT</u> and some is <u>UNPLEASANT</u>

*But change can help your FLEXIBILITY,

FAITH, and GROWTH

Good news: God never **CHANGES**

3. If the time is right, **ENJOY IT!** (3:9–13)

*Life is a GIFT from God

*Make the <u>BEST</u> and <u>MOST</u> of it

God makes **EVERYTHING** beautiful in His time

4. Above all, HONOR God! (3:14-15)

*His work endures <u>FOREVER</u>

*He CONTROLS all things

*He never <u>CHANGES</u>

OUR MISSION: Inviting people to Encounter a life changing God And become passionate followers of Christ.

TOGETHER GROUP QUESTIONS

Read **Ecclesiastes 3:1-15**. What is God's Word saying to you? What stands out?

There is a time and a season for everything. Go around the group and have each person share what kind of season they are in. The highs, the lows, the rhythms of life, the best things, the hardest things, etc.

Why is change so hard? What is one of the hardest changes you've had to face in life? And in addition, since the pandemic, what is a recent change in our society over the past 3 years that has been really hard for you?

How are you responding to inflation with groceries and gas? And how would God want His disciples to respond to these changes? What is a practical step we could take to work towards this? (Please note: this principle can be applied to any change in life!)

(verse 12-13) When I think of the gifts God has given me, who or what immediately come to mind? How often do I express my gratitude to God for all His gifts? And how often WILL I seek to thank Him this week?

(verse 14-15) Do I honestly fear and honor God? What are some practical ways my life can show this on a daily basis? What things should I be doing, and what things should I not be doing?