

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM OCTOBER 8/9 SERMON

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Scripture from this week's sermon: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

ICEBREAKER: This weekend, our focus was on "time". As an icebreaker and with the themes of "time" and "seasons", I love the fall. What time of year is your favorite? What is your favorite season? Why is that?

1) Read <u>Ecclesiastes 3:1-14</u>. We discussed this weekend how the word "season" in Hebrew means "appointed time or hour", and we said this weekend that Scripture is clear in regard to:

GOD AND TIME

God is sovereign over every moment in time, nothing happens outside his superintendence.

Knowing that God is sovereign over time, how does that impact your daily life, or maybe, how SHOULD that truth impact your daily life?

2) This past weekend we stated that the word "time" used by Solomon in the Greek OT (Septuagint) is focused more on "opportunity" than "duration".

Read John 6:38. To summarize the life of Christ, we said in regard to:

JESUS AND TIME

Jesus is the only human being who, through every moment in his life, perfectly obeyed God.

Why is the model of Jesus important for us each and every day? How should that impact our "time" in regard to God's Word?

3) Read again <u>Ecclesiastes 3:11-14</u>. We said in regard to:

BELIEVER AND TIME

The believer should approach time less in terms of duration and more as opportunity to joyfully obey and serve God.

Do you struggle with that? Do you struggle focusing on just the opportunity of today to joyfully live for the Lord?

How can we live life more through the lens of "opportunity" from God?

4) We said this weekend:

Your final impact for Christ will have less to do with how long you lived and everything to do with how you lived.

What goes through your mind when you hear that statement?

Pray for one another as you close, focused on areas impacted by this week's theme of "time".

