

SEASONS

FIRST WEDNESDAY/SUMMER KICKOFF

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

1. WHAT KIND OF SEASON ARE YOU IN?

A. Life Comes in Seasons

- **Chronos Time is cycles and quantity time. Kairos Time is seasons and quality time.**

Ecclesiastes 3:2-8

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

B. Seasons Change

Ecclesiastes 3:15 Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.

C. Seasons Can Be Identified

Joshua 1:1-3 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.

2. WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING IN THIS SEASON?

Ecclesiastes 3:9-10 What do workers gain from their toil? 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. 13 That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

A. Seasons cannot be controlled, but they can be influenced.

Deuteronomy 16:17 Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

Deuteronomy 16:20 Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

- **Your obedience opens the way to blessing.**
- **Your disobedience closes the way of blessing.**
- **Your apathy leaves things to chance!**

Psalms 90:12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

B. Appreciate the season you are in.

- **Do what is seasonal.**

1 Peter 4:12-13 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. 8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

- **God can allow your life to be consistent even when your world is not.**

3. WHAT IS GOD DOING IN THIS SEASON?

A. God Gives Seasons Purpose

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Revelation 13:9-10 Whoever has ears, let them hear. 10 “If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity they will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword they will be killed.” This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.

B. God Gives Seasons Beauty

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.