

Study Guide-Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

1. Read v. 1-8. Describe a time when you have struggled to accept a certain season you were in.

Discuss the following dynamics and share examples:

- a. Rushing vs. Abiding
 - b. Dealing with unpleasant seasons
 - c. Wanting to be like everyone else
 - d. Hinge Points- accepting the need for change
- How does seeing life as seasons help us consider a longer timeframe and bigger picture?
-What current season are you in?

2. Read v. 9-15.

- a. How do you think God makes “*everything beautiful in its time*” (v.11a)?
- b. How can you slow down enough to enjoy the simple gifts of God (v.12-13)?
- c. Do you sense an inner longing for the eternal? How can you use the longings you have to push you closer to God? (v.14). What does it mean to stand in awe of God (v.14b)?

Message Slides

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

A. Times and Seasons (v.1-8)

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

2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

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4. Hinge Points

B. The Sovereignty of God (v.9-15)

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1. Work

9 What do workers gain from their toil?

10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

B. The Sovereignty of God (v.9-15)

1. Work

2. Timing

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.

B. The Sovereignty of God (v.9-15)

1. Work

2. Timing

3. Enjoyment

12 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.

B. The Sovereignty of God (v.9-15)

1. Work

2. Timing

3. Enjoyment

4. Eternity

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.

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