

Small Group Study Guide

ICE BREAK

- What has been the biggest waste of time in your life”?
- What has been the best investment of time in your life?

STUDY

This Series of Sermons examines **Time** as it relates to God as its **Creator** and us as time’s **Stewards**.

Did you already know that Jesus’ **Bible** was the Old Testament and **Ecclesiastes** was Solomon’s Diary?

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

- a. In what way did even Bible heroes Struggle with Life’s Meaning?
- b. How do you understand that, like Solomon, Workaholism is meaningless? What meaning have you found in your work-in and outside the home?
- c. Explain: What does Solomon mean Appointed Time or Season for **Everything**?
- d. Talk about times in your life when you have allowed God to do the appointing vs You doing the appointing of your time or season?
- e. In what way do things, activities, relationships become “Beautiful in their appointed/appropriate time”?
- f. How is it possible, with God, that contradictory activities: Mourn/Dance, Love/Hate, Silent/Speak, etc have their Time/Seasons?

2. Read verses 3:10-11 again.

- a. How is disconnection from God a burden?
- b. What does “God set eternity in the human heart” mean? How does that influence our time?

- c. Explain how events and achievements in life are “beautiful in their time” but none of them give the satisfaction that connection with God is meant to give?
- d. What is your advice for us to fully make each time in our life beautiful- in practical ways?

REFLECT

- Share what APPOINTED TIME you find yourself in now. What do you most need from God and your group to make it Beautiful?

PRAY

- Pray for each other's needs and for discovering more beauty in this season of life.
- Follow up on past prayer requests.
- Pray for the mission God has given each of us to live out daily.