



Is This It? - Eccl 3

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Message Recap

Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a time and season for everything. We often look at someone else's life and wonder why we aren't where they are, but comparison is looking at somebody else's calendar and deciding God got ours wrong. No season in our life is off God's calendar, and no season in our life is the whole calendar. Even when we cannot understand what God is doing, we can trust that He sees our lives from beginning to end.

Solomon says God has "set eternity in the human heart." We were made for something that lasts forever, which is why temporary things can never completely satisfy us. Yet rather than spending our lives waiting for the next season, God invites us to receive today as a gift...to eat, drink, work, and enjoy what He has placed in front of us. Joy doesn't have to wait for the calendar to cooperate.

Solomon also reminds us that God will ultimately bring every deed into judgment. We don't have to carry the burden of making every wrong right ourselves. We can hand the gavel back to God and trust His justice. And while every human search eventually reaches a time to give up, God continues to seek those who are lost. Jesus came "to seek and to save the lost." God has a time for everything except giving up on you.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

If you could go back and relive one season of your life for a week, what season would you choose and why?

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you the most?

Discussion Questions

1. Ecclesiastes 3 says there is "a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." What season would you say you are in right now? What might God want to do **in you** during this season rather than simply getting you **out of it**?
2. We heard, "Comparison is looking at somebody else's calendar and deciding God got yours wrong." Where are you most tempted to compare your timeline with someone else's? How can trusting God's timing change the way you view where you are today?

3. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says God “has made everything beautiful in its time” and has “set eternity in the human heart.” Why do you think it is so difficult to trust God when something in our life isn’t beautiful **yet**? How can we hold onto God’s promise even when we cannot see the whole picture?
4. Solomon tells us to enjoy the ordinary gifts God has given us right now. What is something about your current season that you may one day look back on and miss? How could recognizing it as a gift from God change the way you experience it today?
5. Why is it so difficult to trust God with situations where someone has hurt us and never faced consequences? What can happen in us when we continue trying to hold them accountable in our own minds?

For Additional Study

Luke 15:1–7

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”

Questions:

- What does the shepherd’s willingness to search “until he finds it” teach us about the heart of God toward people who are lost or have wandered away?
- Why do we sometimes assume we have to find our own way back to God rather than recognizing that He is already pursuing us?
- Who in your life may feel far from God right now? How can you reflect the heart of the Shepherd toward that person this week?