

CrossWalk **notes**

It's About Time

A Time For All Things

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How do you feel about 2020?

¹There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. **Ecclesiastes 3:1, NIV**

Do I trust that God has a loving _____ for every season of my life? Ultimately, God wants me to trust that He is in _____.

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

² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot. **Ecclesiastes 3:2, NIV**

Reason # 1: The seasons of life teach me that my time on earth is _____. God wants me to use it _____.

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. **Ecclesiastes 3:3-8, NIV**

Reason # 2: In the midst of all the _____, I will seek to _____ God's unchanging blessings.

¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? **Numbers 23:19, NIV**

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

Reason # 3: God lifts our burdens when we _____ everything to Him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28, NIV**

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. **Ecclesiastes 3:11, NIV**

Reason # 4: We may not always _____ our times, but God promises that the _____ is yet to come.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will seek to appreciate God's blessings in the different seasons of my life and leverage them to be a blessing to others as I look forward to eternity.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

Impact Groups

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Getting Started: List a challenge and a blessing from this year. Why is it so much easier to list out the challenges?

Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday's message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this week?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1

¹There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. **Ecclesiastes 3:1, NIV**

Solomon's point in this section is that God has a plan and a purpose for all things and so he provides seasons of life for all people. Are you in a "good" or "bad" season of life right now? What is God trying to teach you?

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Solomon wrote down contrasting seasons that are common to our human experience. In which of these seasons do you find it difficult to see and appreciate God's unchanging blessings? How might God be blessing you during a difficult time?

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What burden was Solomon thinking of when he wrote this?

How do we become free from that burden?
(See Matthew 11:28)

Read Ecclesiastes 3:11

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In light of this verse, how does God want us to use our time?

My Next Step

List out the blessings you have in this season of life and ask yourself who needs you to be a blessing to them. How can you be a blessing to them?

Doing Life Together

Brainstorm at least one way that your group can bless each other in your respective seasons of life.

Prayer

Pray together as a group for about 10 minutes. Many groups do this in a circle format, allowing each person in the circle to pray or pass as they wish until all have had a chance to pray.

Reminders

Fall Outreach at CrossWalk: Check the Church Center App.

- November: Feed a Family – Sign up for donations or deliveries today! Got questions? Email Phil Bischoff at phil@cwlk.church.