



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 10th September 2023



Ecclesiastes 3:1—8 Live, Learn and Serve in Every Season

Warm Up

What is your favourite season? Why? How do you prepare for the season that is to come?

Background and context

The writer of Ecclesiastes was a person of great wisdom. They reflected on a lifetime of experience and understood several things about the world. Firstly there is nothing new under the sun. All experiences have been had before by someone else. Secondly that life is not constant, everything changes, there is a season for every activity under the sun.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

READ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.



1. Which of the eight verses do you find difficult to resonate with? Why?
2. V8. Seems to go against our natural Christian outlook on life. How can we better understand v8 in the light of Jesus' teaching? Is there really a time for war and a time to hate?
3. Christians like to use the term 'season' to refer to a period of time in a person's life, whether good or bad. What type of seasons do we experience in our life?
4. How can we learn from a 'season' that we may have just moved on from?
5. How can we prepare for a new 'season' in life?
6. Why might it be difficult for some people to move in to a new season in their life?
7. Read Acts 9. Reflect on the story of Saul/Paul. What can we learn from his experiences about how God uses 'Seasons' in a persons' life to fulfil his purposes?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



8. How would you describe the current 'season' of your life?
9. Is God preparing you for something new ?
10. Do you believe that you are serving the Church in the way God wants at this time?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.