



Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

1. The Tides of Time

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Job 14:5; Hebrews 9:27; Galatians 4:4; Proverbs 16:9; Romans 12:15; Matthew 11:17; Psalm 31:15

2. The Weariness of Work

- Ecclesiastes 3:9-10; 2:10-11, 18-23

3. The Power of Purpose

- Ecclesiastes 3:11-15; Genesis 1:26; Romans 8:28-32

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Talking it Over (use this for discussion around your table group):

- Share a recent change in your life (it can be big or small). Describe what it was, how it impacted your life, and how you dealt with it.
- If you are comfortable doing so, share about a time in your life that you encountered significant change. What happened, and how did you deal with it?
- How has faith helped you in times of change (or if you feel it hasn't helped, share that too)? Has a faith community ever helped you in times of change? Describe how, if it has.
- What changes do you see on the horizon of your life? What changes do you see happening in your church now? In the future?

Digging Deeper (if you still have time, or for further study later, go through these questions):

- What is a "fatalistic" philosophy of life? Have you had this kind of attitude before? When and why?
- People speak of time as "flying by." How have you experienced this? If you could have stopped time for something in your life, what would that be?
- Do you ever feel out of control with the things in your life? Do you turn to God in those times? Why or why not?
- Have you ever had a job you didn't like? What kept you going? What is the difference between a job you like and a job you don't?
- Should your relationship to Christ make a difference in how you deal with the changing circumstances of life? In what way? How has it helped you?
- How can faith in Christ add purpose to an otherwise meaningless series of events in your life?
- What is your attitude about change? Does that attitude reflect a trust in God's purposes? What can you do to make sure you have the right attitude?
- Re-read through your notes. Review the main points and read the Scripture references that are provided for you.