

MESSAGE NOTES: SEASONAL LIVING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ²a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, ⁵a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, ⁶a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, ⁷a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, ⁸a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 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.

Act Your Stage

1. _____ (1-5)
2. _____ (5-12)
3. _____ (12-18)
4. _____ (18+)

Adjust to Your Season

Faith Group Questions

1. What did your parents get right when they raised you?
2. How do you or how would you like to imitate your parents in your own parenting? What's one area where you approach parenting or would approach parenting differently than your parents?
3. Review the stages of parenting. Why is it helpful to think in terms of stages when it comes to parenting?
 - Identify some of the unique blessings, challenges, and opportunities that you see, or have seen, in each of them. (*Discipline, Training, Coaching, Friendship*)
4. Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. As you look at the different "times" Solomon describes, what seasons might they represent for families? Describe some of the adjustments God is calling you to make as an individual, a spouse or as a parent if you're going to live according to these seasons.
5. "God has made everything beautiful in its time." Share a story from your life when you came to see the truth that God can take even the difficult stages/seasons of parenting (or life in general) and make them beautiful. Describe how God led you to see it as beautiful.
6. What do you need prayer for based on these verses?