Home Group Discussion Guide

The Pain of Time – Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

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*The following questions are designed as a **guide** to help lead discussion by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.*

***Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked**, instead respond to the needs of your group, and take space to welcome any new people in your group.*

GETTING STARTED

1. What has been the big idea that has stood out to you from this series in Ecclesiastes?

2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures*: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14; Mark 1:35-39*

(Read Ecclesiastes 3:1)

1. This verse speaks of appointed times, and generic times, what are some of the appointed times, and seasons you have recognised in your life?

(Read Ecclesiastes 3:2-8)

2. Consider the images being used, do any of these images resonate with your current season?
    a. What do you notice about the way these verses are put together?

3. Can you think of examples of how does faithfulness look different, depending on what season you are in?

(Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-11)

4. How do you feel the tension of time in your life? That we experience temporary beauty, but also have eternity in our hearts?

5. How does the 'incorrect' pairing of verse 8 give hope in the midst of the tension?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. What season are you in currently?
    a. What does faithfulness look like for you in this season?

2. Are you allowing either lament or legend to become a label and define the narrative of your life?
    a. How can you move into the present more effectively?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.