

Ecclesiastes

The Search for Meaning

Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

The Dilemma: We've got _____ in our hearts but _____ on our hands.

- Events we can't _____ (3:1-8)
- Questions we can't _____ (3:9-15)
- Injustice we can't _____ (3:16-22)

The Reassurance: God's got eternity under _____ so we can _____ the time we have.

- God's plan makes all the events of life beautiful.
- God's power makes all His plans inevitable.
- God's purposes will bring all to justice.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Read through Solomon's poem in verses 1-8 and examine the various events that God has appointed to happen in life. Which of these events have you experienced? How have they shaped your view of life?
- 2) What does it mean to have "eternity set in our hearts"? How does that longing manifest itself in you personally? Why is this truth important to know in evangelism?
- 3) Solomon says that people are no better off than animals because they face the same fate. See 3:18-21. Why has God done this? What lesson is He trying to teach humanity?
- 4) What lessons are you learning from this study of life "under the sun"? How can you begin to apply those lessons in practical ways?

Memory Verse
Ecclesiastes 3:11

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."