

# ECCLESIASTES

ANCIENT WISDOM FOR REAL LIFE

**Time Limits**

*Ecclesiastes 3*

Sunday, June 28, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_ and Time . . .

1. Through time, God is working \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ purposes that we can't always see.
2. Through time, God makes us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him, \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
  - Time is a \_\_\_\_\_ . . .
  - Because of God, we can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of time.
  - Before God, what we do in time \_\_\_\_\_ and has \_\_\_\_\_.
3. After time, God will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all that happened in time.

**All that Ecclesiastes \_\_\_\_\_, the Good News of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

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*"Life under the sun" is life bound by time . . . and time is the next meditation of the preacher in Ecclesiastes 3.*

\_\_\_\_\_ and Time . . .

1. Time is an \_\_\_\_\_ reality.
2. Time is a " \_\_\_\_\_ " reality.
3. Time is an \_\_\_\_\_ reality.
4. Time is a \_\_\_\_\_ reality.

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**NEXT WEEK:**

***Gospel Shadows in Just Mercy***

*Please plan to watch the movie ahead of our discussion next Sunday.*

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Growth Group Interaction Guide

*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

*During the COVID-19 crisis, our groups are meeting both live and virtually. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, please contact any one of our campus pastors.*

### Connecting Together

*How do you plan to enjoy life this Summer "under the sun"?*

### Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Read Ecclesiastes 3 together as you gather in your Growth Group. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you? What did you learn or what were you reminded of in this study?
2. How often do you think about and talk about time? How would you describe your own relationship with time?
3. Why, again, is the Preacher showing us all these uncomfortable and inconvenient truths in Ecclesiastes? How does this meditation on time work in that regard?

4. Which of the four "us and time" realities is most real and relevant to you right now?
5. How does the Good News of Jesus affirm and flesh out each of the "God and time" truths?
6. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** How can your Growth Group help you better receive and steward the gift of time?
7. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** Like the preacher of Ecclesiastes, how can we creatively use the realities of time to point people in our circle of influence to life beyond "life under the sun" and the Gospel?

### Praying Together

- Pray for the checking and dissipation of this Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the the healing of individuals and communities that contracted the Covid-19 virus.
- Pray for the safety of healthcare and others working on the frontlines of the Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for the financial provision of businesses and individuals who have lost work because of this Covid-19 crisis.
- Pray for wisdom for county, state and national leaders as they make crucial decisions during this Covid-19 crisis.
- Humbly seek the Lord of time in light of the limits of time and your needs in time.