

Pursuit: Study of Ecclesiastes
“Where’s God?”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
July 26, 2020 / Pastor Shawn

Observation: God is _____ for everything we experience.

- ¹ For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.
² A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
³ A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
⁴ A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to grieve and a time to dance.
⁵ A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.
A time to embrace and a time to turn away.
⁶ A time to search and a time to quit searching.
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
⁷ A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be quiet and a time to speak.
⁸ A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.
- ⁹ What do people really get for all their hard work? ¹⁰ I have seen the
burden God has placed on us all. Ecclesiastes 3:1-10

4 Reminders for Navigating Uncertainty

Remember. . .

1. God’s Purpose is _____.

¹¹ Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time.
Ecclesiastes 3:11a

2. God’s Purpose is _____.

¹¹ . . . He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people
cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.
Ecclesiastes 3:11b

3. _____ Life.

¹² So I concluded there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do good in
one’s lifetime (NASB).

¹³ And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for
these are gifts from God. (NLT) Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

4. Rest in God’s _____.

¹⁴ I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing
to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked
that men should fear Him. ¹⁵ That which is has been already and that
which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.
Ecclesiastes 3:14-15

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday’s message? Why?
2. Do you agree that there are no easy answers to explain God’s allowance of painful events? Why or why not?
3. What are the four (4) “Reminders” that Pastor Shawn identified in Ecclesiastes 3:11-15?
4. What is the first “Reminder” and why is it important/what is the benefit of having difficulty/pain in this life?
5. How do you respond to people who question the existence of God because of the presence of pain, suffering, evil? (If God is all-good and all-powerful, why is there suffering?)
6. What is the second “Reminder”? Why does God make us want to know why but then not provide the answers?
7. What is the third “Reminder”? How have you applied this reminder to your life in the past? How can you take this truth to heart today?
8. What is the fourth “Reminder”? How does the death of Jesus serve as an example of this reminder?
9. Who do you know that needs encouragement right now? How can you use Ecclesiastes and the message of Jesus to encourage them during the covid-19 pandemic? Spend a few minutes praying for them and for the opportunity to share with them.