

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

SEASONS | Ecclesiastes 3:1-10; Philippians 4:10-13

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QUICK REVIEW

1. As you consider this week's worship gathering, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? It could have been through a song, the sermon, another person, or an experience.

MIXER

2. From your past, recall songs that reflect either Biblical principles or bad theology. How did that affect you?

MY STORY

3. Describe your current season of life. Where do you think the Lord fits into this season?
4. Considering your season, what do you think God is preparing you for? What are some challenges in making disciples?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. It was stated in the sermon that some activities aren't seasonal. Rejoicing (*Phil 4:4*) is always in season. Anxiety (*Phil 4:6-7*) is never in season. Discuss other activities that may or may not be seasonal.
6. Read *Matthew 2:1-2* and *Matthew 16:1-3*. God's Word, His Spirit, and wise counsel are preeminent for discerning the seasons. How might I use these to discern signs the Lord may be using to direct me in my current season?

TAKING IT HOME (APPLICATION)

7. Does my theology and the testimony of my life line up with God's Word, His Spirit, and wise counsel? What actions can I take to ensure this is the case?
8. Are my current activities appropriate in my current season? If not, what needs to change?

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- I. The season determines appropriate activities. Ecc 3:11a; 8:5b-6a
 - A. **Actions "in season" produce more of the desired** outcome. Matt 13:27-30;
Pr 15:23; Eph 4:29;
Jn 3:16
 - B. Missing a **season's** appropriate activities can bring undesirable outcomes. Matt 9:36-38; 25:1-13;
Lk 19:41-44; Ps 32:6;
II Cor 6:1-2
 - C. **"Out of season" activities can also bring less** desirable outcomes. Ecc 3:2-3;
II Sam 11:1-2;
II Ki 5:19b-27
 - D. **Some "activities" aren't** seasonal. Eph 5:3, 20;
Phil 4:4, 6-7; Ps 62:8;
Pr 12:22
- II. The wise learn to discern the seasons.
 - A. **God's** Word. Ps 1:1-3; 119:98-100;
II Tim 3:16-17
 - B. **God's** Spirit. Lk 2:25-32; Jn 16:13;
I Tim 4:1; II Tim 4:6;
II Pet 1:14-15
 - C. Wise counselors. I Ch 12:32;
Es 1:13; 4:14
 - D. "Signs". Matt 16:1-3; 2:1-2;
Jn 2:4, ; 7:8; 12:20-23;
Jn 13:1; Phil 4:10-13
- III. The wise learn to handle the seasons of their lives.
 - A. They depend on the Lord to give them His strength. Deut 33:24-25
 - B. In every season, the wise learn to be content. Phil 4:10-13;
Is 30:15a