

# Message Based Discussion

A Tapestry of Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- What did you like about this message?
- What did you find hard to accept or understand?
- What does this message teach you about people?
- What does this message teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?
- What will you do now? Based on this message, how will your life change?
- How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?
- Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this message?

## **The Call to Christian Discipleship**

The ultimate life experience exists between two bookends; birth and death. Everything we can possibly be aware of happens within those two parameters. As Christians, our ultimate hope springs forth from a life of faith, not experience, in a living Savior who will one day come back to earth. How does your life of faith in the eternal grow in the life experiences you have everyday?

## **The Call to Missional Living**

One of the hardest questions our culture can ask is how a loving God could allow so much suffering. Solomon paints a picture of both suffering and celebration. Typically the world does not take issue with the celebration. If we, as Christians, are called to be steadfast in our suffering (James 1:1-4) how can we practically live this out in a world so opposed to suffering?

## **Pray**

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# **A Tapestry of Time**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

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**Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10**

**Tapestry:** an intricate or complex combination of things or sequence of events.

Introduction: "Everything" ~ "Season" ~ "Time"

1. Life's left and right limits

- Born & die (killing & healing)
- Embracing & refraining (throwing stones)
- Love & hate (war & peace)

## 2. Fatalism, Predestination, and the Will of God

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## 3. Living beyond the sun

- Created to walk (Ephesians 2:1-10)

- Suffering & Steadfastness (Job 13:13-16; James 1:2-4)

- God's great reward (Matthew 5:11-12)