



Part 3

Big Idea

This week, Pastor Larry Stockstill continued our “What Time is it?” series that focuses on the questions we have all been asking— Are we living in the End Times? Will Jesus return soon? We may be in the end times and Jesus is definitely coming back, but that is nothing to be scared about. Instead, we need to understand the time and season we’re living in so we can be prepared to respond to what is going on around us in a life giving way. 1 Thessalonians 5:1 says, “Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.” No one will know the time that Jesus will make His return, but the Bible is clear about the fact that He will come again. According to Pastor Larry, time refers to things under the sun, and season refers to the world above the sun. Time is your watch, but season is your calendar. The key to living in our time and our season is to find contentment by taking an above the sun perspective even in our under the sun moments. Having God’s seasonal, eternal perspective helps us understand the meaning in our moments.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” - Ecclesiastes 3:1

Discussion Questions

- Pastor Larry said there is a difference between “time” and “season.” What does “time” refer to in your life? What about “season”?
- God can take anything negative that happens to you in “time” and make it into something that is beautiful. Share with the group a story about a time when God made something good out of a bad situation.
- The secret of “time” (under the sun) is “contentment.” Paul, in Philippians 4, said “I have learned in whatever situation I am in, to be content.” Discuss with the group how you can be content in all situations.

Prayer Focus

Declare out loud that God loves you, and that with His love you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Declare that God wants the best for you, and that you have victory in and through Him. Declare that God has a plan to prosper you and not harm you, and that He gives you hope and a future.

Next Steps

God has a plan for you. If you want to find purpose in your season, attend Step 1 of the Growth Track this Sunday.

Leader Tip

Encourage group members to be transparent about their current season. Discuss how a Godly perspective will allow them to remain fruitful and effective during this time. Remind them that your Small Group is a safe place to share. Break into smaller groups to pray for each other during the group meeting.