

### **Timing is Everything: Seasons 3.13.16**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 9-10

1. John Bevere states, "To capture the best view of \_\_\_\_\_, we must look at God Himself. He is not limited in power, knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and all glory, just to name a few. He is self-existent, forever was and forever will be God.

Your life time is given to you by God to prepare you for eternity.

Remember, how you spend your time here on this earth is definitely \_\_\_\_\_ you, one way or another, for the next stage of life

One of the most important things about understanding God's timing is knowing and recognizing the season you are in! Do you know what season you are in right now, church?

177 times in the NKJV it uses the phrase "It came to pass". Whatever season you are in, it didn't come to stay, it came to pass!

Are you in a \_\_\_\_\_ season, a preparing season, is it a time for you to move into action, are you in a going season, where are you, church?

So we need to make sure that we use our time wisely and for eternal purposes.

Connection group: Do you know what time it is and how valuable that time is? Do you know how to tell time and use it for eternal purposes? Are you using and going to use your time wisely so that it makes a difference for eternity?

The thing that made David's kingdom the greatest dynasty in Israel's history was because David's military leaders recognized the \_\_\_\_\_ and seasons: 1 Chron. 12:32 The sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command; NKJV

Now let's go back to the story of Moses: remember how we figured out that he had missed God's time frame for him by ten years by jumping out ahead of God? [Exodus 2:16-20]

Look at His approach in the "rest of the story" – patience, forethought, etc. What is God's will for my life? Where is He calling me to serve? How am I to know when I am supposed to take the next \_\_\_\_\_? How am I to live out my life of faith? Look again at Numbers 9:15-23 Point out, and discuss God's \_\_\_\_\_, timing, and \_\_\_\_\_ here.

You can't always see the good in delay but, if you could have everything you want based upon your control, it wouldn't be faith.

**Where are YOU struggling with trusting God's timing?** What lesson do you think God is trying to teach you about patience, spiritual intimacy, and preparation? Where do you get stuck?

God has plans for your life. He knows everything about you. He made you. He loves you, as the following selection of verses from Psalm 139 confirms (Psalms 139:1-4, 13, 16 NIV)

(Isaiah 40:31-32)

1. We need to get to know God.
2. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to seek God's will.
3. We must learn to listen.
4. We must follow \_\_\_\_\_ when we are called to take bold action or when we are told to wait.

Someone has summarized how God answers different prayers: If the request is wrong, God says no. If the timing is wrong, God says \_\_\_\_\_. If you are wrong, God says \_\_\_\_\_. When the request, the timing, and you are right, God says go!

A.W. Tozer comments in his book '[The Pursuit of God](#)' on John 1:1, "... and the word was God." In the chapter 'The Speaking Voice', he writes: "A man... tries to think of God as mute everywhere else and vocal only in a book. I believe that much of our religious unbelief is due to a wrong conception of and a wrong feeling for the Scriptures of Truth. A silent God suddenly began to speak in a book and when the book was finished lapsed back into silence again forever"

Romans 12:1-2 THE MESSAGE

**Let your season \_\_\_\_\_ you, but don't let it \_\_\_\_\_ you!** That is the Holy Spirit's job. Seasons come and go, seasons will change! The decisions and choices you make during the difficult, tough seasons are the most important decisions you will ever make. Stay Faithful!

**Keep Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_ of everything.** Keep looking at Him, Keep Him in Focus!

Read and discuss Hebrews 12:1-2 in closing.