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### PRAYER

God, we thank you for each day. It is a privilege to breathe the air you give us, live the life that you bless us with. Help us, by your grace, to not take anything for granted that you give us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Think about the last 365 days. If your last year was made into a movie, which actor/actress would you want to play you?

### NOTES

## WORD

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup> What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-13](#) (ESV)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 = easy, 10 = almost impossible), how easy or difficult is it for you to discern the right time to move forward on major decisions? Do you have any examples?
2. If your life was a movie, what genre of movie would it be? What would be its title? Do you think it would make for a compelling movie? Why or why not?
3. Describe your life right now in terms of one of the four seasons: Summer, Autumn (Fall), Winter, and Spring. Why would you choose that season for your life?
4. If God makes all things beautiful in his time, how easy or difficult do you find it to trust him with control when you go through overbearing times?

## PRAYER LIST