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## BENEATH THE SURFACE

WEEK 9 | THE LONG GOODBYE

### PRAYER

Lord, we acknowledge that You are LORD of every season. Please help us to recognise when seasons end and new ones begin. Help us to know how to see you glorified in each season, in Jesus' name, Amen.

### WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Of the four seasons, which is your favourite and where do you like to spend it?

### 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.

[Ecclesiastes 3:1-11](#) (ESV)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

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

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = totally not, 10 = absolutely), how would you rate how prepared you are for different times in your life? Consider Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 for examples of different times.
2. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says that God makes all things beautiful in its time. How would you rate your ability to trust God's timing and why?
3. Have you transitioned recently from one season of your life to another, whether it's relocation, career change, or relationally? If you have, how did you deal with it?
4. Ecclesiastes 3:4 talks about a time to weep and to laugh, to mourn and to dance. Have you ever had to operate with both joy and sorrow in different seasons that required these responses?
5. Do you need prayer in what you are facing or in dealing with losses and grief from past seasons? Your Life Group leader would love to pray for you.

## PRAYER LIST