

We're in a Season

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There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Context: The Greatest Poem

Five good choices to make in this season:

- 1 Adjust expectations in a high expectation world.
- 2 Live intentionally in the midst of uncertainty.
- 3 Connect joyfully with kids and family.
- 4 Bless others with love in action.
- 5 Dip daily into God's bucket of mercy.

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Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:

What does it say? What does it mean? How can I live this out today?

- Ecclesiastes 3:1–8
- Lamentations 3:21–26
- I Peter 4:8–13
- Romans 12:1–3, 9–13
- Psalm 27:1–5, 13–14

Want to go deeper? Check out our discussion questions to engage more with the sermon. You can find them at westwoodcc.org/current-message-series

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1. As we face a time of uncertainty, it is important to be grateful for what we have. Spend some time as a group discussing what you each are grateful for.
2. Read **Ecclesiastes 3:1-14** as a group. What strikes you as you read these verses as you consider the current season that we are in?
3. We don't always get to choose the season we are in. We do get to choose how we live and lead in this season. How are you doing in this season? How have you met God in this season?
3. This message included **Five Good Choices to Make in This Season**. Discuss each choice as it applies to you in your life.

1. Adjust expectations in a high expectation world.

- Disappointment of unmet expectations can rob our joy. Where have you had to adjust your expectations recently?
- We are in a season of **patience** and **prayer**. Where have you needed an extra dose of patience? How have you turned to God in prayer? How can your group pray?

2. Live intentionally in the midst of uncertainty.

- There is so much uncertainty currently. We can respond to uncertainty by hunkering down and make life small or intentionally make life large. How have you hunkered down? How can you make life large and live life more intentionally? What does God call us to as Christians?

3. Connect Joyfully with Kids and Family

- Share with your group how you have connected with your own family and with your extended family. Brainstorm as a group any new ideas you may have.
- How have you incorporated spiritual growth into this?

4. Bless others with love in action

- Prayer
 - Who needs prayer in your family, your neighborhood, your city, state or the world?
 - If you have a prayer request, we would love to pray for you. Please submit it [HERE](#)
- Care

- Who is in your sphere of influence that needs care? This could be the elderly, those who have lost their jobs recently, those who need help with childcare as kids are home from school, or those who are patiently waiting for their results from their COVID-19 testing. How can you reach them with the love of Jesus?
- Consider joining the Team to provide spiritual care for the elderly over the phone. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- Share
 - Consider creative ways to reach out to connect with the community that you live in.
 - Consider partnering with local organizations, like [LOVE INC](#) or [VEAP](#) to meet felt needs in the community
 - Join the [Local Serve Team](#). When needs become known they will be shared through this online system. You will be notified as there are needs are added to be met.

5. Dip Daily into God's Bucket of Mercy

- Read **Lamentations 3:23** as a group. How have you experienced God's mercy in unexpected ways?
- Consider tuning into Westwood's Social Media each morning for the Mercy Moment to be reminded of God's mercy and faithfulness.

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