

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

*There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—*

“There is an appointed time for everything” does not mean there is a \_\_\_\_\_ time to do everything.

“There is an appointed time for everything” means “God has \_\_\_\_\_ the times for everything to happen.”

## **Ecclesiastes 3:10**

*I have seen the task, which God has given the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.*

## **Ecclesiastes 3:12–13**

*I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one’s lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor — it is the gift of God.*

God gave the sons of men the task to \_\_\_\_\_, and to eat and drink from their \_\_\_\_\_.

To eat and drink from our labor is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

## **Ecclesiastes 3:11**

*He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.*

God put an \_\_\_\_\_ in all of us that there is something called \_\_\_\_\_ out there.

We are able to understand a little about eternity because \_\_\_\_\_ “set eternity in our hearts.”

God gave the sons of men the task to labor, and to eat and drink from their labor, to \_\_\_\_\_ them from finding out about the work that God has done from beginning to end.

## **Ecclesiastes 3:14**

*I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.*

Our responsibility is to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

Respect the \_\_\_\_\_ between God and man.

Learn to \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from our labor.

## DIGGING DEEPER

*(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)*

- Are you someone who tends to carefully consider the timing to do something before you do it? Or someone who tends to do something “off the cuff”? Please explain.
- What does it mean to you when Solomon says, “There is an appointed time for everything”?
- What example can you give that makes you happy God has already determined the time for it to happen? What example makes you unhappy?
- What do you think might be the “task” that God gave to the sons of men in Ecclesiastes 3:10?
- Solomon said concerning this task that it was given to “occupy” the sons of men. From what was it given to distract?
- What is the passage’s Big Idea to you?

