

CONVERSATION GUIDE

LET'S TALK ABOUT LIFE SEASONS

HERE'S THE BIG IDEA

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 tells us that there is a season for everything—a season of joy and laughter, and a season of pain and healing. All of us will experience different seasons in life, but they do not always determine our reality. What is true of our reality is that God always rejoices with us in times of joy and comforts us when we feel without hope.

CONVERSATION TIP | PRAYING FOR YOUR GROUP

As a group leader it's great to consider keeping a prayer journal (or any discreet way of recording information—iPad, smartphone, memo pad, notebook, etc.) near you. As prayer requests, praises, or concerns arise, jot them down. Pray for these items throughout the week, and when you think of it, text or email those you're praying for so that they remember how much you care.

LET'S TALK

BREAK THE ICE

Q. Share a story about when your plans didn't go as planned.

Q: What are the perks to our plans not working out?

TELL ME THE TRUTH | ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..."

We know our plans don't always work—sometimes for the best and sometimes not. Despite the end results of our plans, there is always something to learn.

Q: How do you view God and his role in directing your life and your plans?

Q: How do you respond to seasons of pain? How is this different from seasons of joy?

Q: Why are we faced with different seasons? What do good and difficult seasons teach us?

GO DEEPER (OPTIONAL)

Q: What can you learn from the season you're currently in? Is God trying to reveal something to you?

DO SOMETHING

Find the areas of your life where you need to keep fighting. Meet with those who will encourage you instead of give you a way out.

RESOURCES

ATM: "Marley & Me" – 12Stone Church October 13, 2019

"How do we stay connected to Jesus?" – 12Stone, Miles Welch [video]

"Seasons of the Soul" – Bruce Demarest