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lesson 2 god is in control

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (1-4, 5-8, 9-13, 14-15)

I. God is the Author of TIME and EVENTS (verses 1-8)

If God is the creator of time, would you agree that there is enough time to do what He wants us to do?

Ask Yourself: God gives each person 24 hours in a day. How do you use it?

Give your thoughts on this quote: "More can happen in a minute if God is in it than we could achieve in a lifetime apart from Him."

Discuss a time that God seemed to "show up" at the right place and right time.

II. God Sees the BIG PICTURE and His plans not comprehensible (verses 9-15)

A. Read verses 9-11. How does it make you feel that we can't comprehend God and time?

1. God has made everything appropriate in its time (God is in CONTROL)
-in God's time, it is "beautiful" (although it may not seem right now)
2. He has put eternity in their hearts (we long to know what is "out there")
3. Man cannot discover it
-we can't fathom the mind and plans of God

We only see a microsecond of eternity. What benefit is there to having God's Word to get a glimpse of God's big picture?

Seeing how big God is, how does it make you feel that He cares about our daily lives?

B. Verses 12-15. Make the most of the TIME God gives us, trusting He knows what is BEST
*When it is all said and done, we are left in awe of Him.

Name some specific ways that God has left you in awe of how great He is?

Discussion Questions:

Read Ephesians 5:15-16

1. Do an honest inventory of your priorities. Do they honor and glorify God?
2. Does your schedule have a tendency to keep you preoccupied with the "cares of this world"? Don't forget, your priorities must change before your schedule will.

Read Isaiah 55:8-9

"I know that all God does will last forever; there is no adding to it or taking from it. God works in ways that people will be in awe of Him." Ecclesiastes 3:14