

# MINING THE MESSAGE

**TITLE:** The Perspective of Time

**SCRIPTURE:** Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

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## **BIG IDEA:**

Time answers key questions about life so that we can enjoy and respond appropriately.

## **OUTLINE:**

1. Time: "Rejoice on the Superintendent" (1)
2. Time: "Rejoice in the Volatility" (2-8)
3. Time: "Reflect on the Certainty" (9-17)
4. Time: "Recalibrate to TRUE Closure" (18-22)

## **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**

- 1 How does the knowledge of the Lord's sovereignty, holiness, and love impact our perception and understanding of circumstances?
- 2 Read Psalm 139. How do these truths bring comfort and joy into our spiritual walk? How do we have contentment with the fact that we are not in control of life?

## **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**

- 1 Review the different times in life (a time to be born, and time to die...). Which of these times do you struggle in? Which time are you more susceptible to sin (worry, fear, complain)?
- 2 What pains or trials are distracting you from focusing on eternity? What do you need to do to help you keep your eyes on Christ and eternity when you are experiencing pain?

## **LIVE IT OUT**

Time to rejoice in the labor that God has given you. Ecclesiastes 3:22 reminds us that this is the conclusion we need to come to. Find opportunity to rejoice in Christ as you live through the painful circumstances. Choose a verse to meditate on this week that will help you rejoice. Write 3 thank you notes to people that you are currently laboring life with.

## **READ AHEAD**

Read Ecclesiastes 4:1-16. What does this teach us about busyness of life?

