



A TIME TO GROW OLD BOB MERRITT

# KEY SCRIPTURE

#### Ecclesiastes 12:1

Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor him in your youth before you grow old and can no longer enjoy living.

#### **Ecclesiastes 11:9**

It's wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you can: take it all in.

#### Ecclesiastes 12:6

Remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed and the pulley is broken at the well.

## **Ecclesiastes 9:4-6**

Anyone who is among the living has hope. For the living at least know they will die. The dead know nothing; never again will they have a part in anything that happens under the sun.

#### **Ecclesiastes 9:7**

Go eat your food with gladness and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for it is now that God favors what you do.

#### Ecclesiastes 9:12

Nobody knows when their hour will come.

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# DISCUSSION

GUIDE

In Ecclesiastes, King Solomon wondered if there's anything in life that can truly satisfy the human heart—so he sought after money, pleasure, material possessions, and food. By the end of his life, Solomon learned that we need God with us, that we should make every day count for something and be ready for the final square.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. God wants to be part of every area of our life. But sometimes it can be difficult to invite him into all areas. What area in your life do you need to invite God into today? What has been holding you back?
- 2. Relationships develop over time; the longer you walk with God, the closer your relationship with him becomes. On a scale of 1-10, how close do you feel with God? (10 extremely close, 1 not close at all.) Is He someone you go to only when you need something? Or do you feel that He is always with you, encouraging you and guiding you?
- 3. Read **Psalm 118:24.** How often do you find yourself wishing for the next stage in life instead of being content and enjoying the one you're currently in? How can we take this verse to heart and live it out on a regular basis? What might need to change in your attitude?
- 4. Pastor Bob said, "The only thing more foolish than not making every square count is failing to plan for the final square." Read **Ecclesiastes 12:1**. What are you doing to prepare for your final square, when you will meet God face to face?

#### JOIN THE CONVERSATION

What will you do this week to make the most out of your days? Tweet your answer using #ATimeForEverything.

### COMMIT TO MEMORY

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