

Bluey and the Seasons of Life

Guest Speaker: Toby Slough

Seasons are inevitable and are for our benefit (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11). According to King Solomon, there is a time for everything under the heavens. And each season, regardless of how amazing or how difficult it may be, has meaning and purpose in God's eyes. He desires that we see Him moving and working in this season, and that we receive all that He has for us in preparation for the next season we are stepping into.

GET THINGS STARTED

How would you describe the current season we are in culturally, politically, socially, and morally? What season do you think the church globally (and locally) is in right now, and why might that be significant? What good things are happening in this season for followers of Jesus and for the church?

GO DEEPER

1. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, multiple types of seasons of life are mentioned. What point is the author – most likely King Solomon – making by referencing these different seasons? What other possible seasons can we experience (not mentioned in this passage), and what is God's purpose in all these seasons? How do we navigate multiple types of seasons at the same time, especially if they are taking us in different directions?
2. According to Genesis 8:22, the four seasons of the year never cease. What is the relationship between one season and the next, and what implications does that have for us spiritually?
3. Why might John 3:7 be important to the conversation about seasons of life? What was Jesus trying to get Nicodemus to understand regarding the season they were in?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What season(s) are you in right now, and how is it possibly beneficial to you (even if it is a challenging season)? What is God preparing you for in the coming season?
2. Where is God in this season for you? What is He showing and teaching you (about Himself, about you, and about others)?
3. What else stood out or resonated with you from Toby Slough's message?

PRACTICE IT NOW

Take time as a group to pray into this current season personally, politically, socially, and spiritually, asking God to reveal more clearly what He is accomplishing. Ask Him to show you how to pray specifically for this season. Ask Him for a greater openness to what He wants to produce or instill in us in preparation for the next season.

SUGGESTED READING THIS WEEK: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11