

# — a time for — EVERYTHING

## WORK

### **Scripture:**

**Ecclesiastes 2:17-26, Matthew 5:13-16, Genesis 2:15**

### **Introduction:**

We all experience different seasons... In this series, we're going to unpack some seasons of life, and look at God's purposes for each, what He may be teaching us, and what is most important in them.

This past week, Andy unpacked that there is a season to work. Andy shared that the average person spends about 90,000 hours of their life at work. 90,000 hours. Over a third of your life focused in on this area. At first glance, that number is staggering. I am not sure my job is worth 90,000 hours. Not wanting to waste our lives, we ask ourselves if we need to change jobs? Do I need to change my view of my job? Do I need to find satisfaction in my job or get a different one? Is it okay to stay in a job when there isn't good purpose? How is a follower of Jesus supposed to respond to this?

Use these passages and questions to help think through this with your Ridge Group this week.

### **Icebreaker:**

What is your most valued possession?

Who would you like to leave it to when you die?

### **Digging Deeper:**

What stood out to you this week from the message?

### **Read Ecclesiastes 2:17-26**

Why did the teacher hate life?

Who is said to be the real beneficiary of someone's work? Why is that?

How do verses 24-26 contrast with the preceding verses?

What does it mean to please God in this context?

What does God have to do with satisfaction in work?

### **Read Matthew 5:13-16**

According to this passage, as a follower of Jesus, how is your life supposed to be?

Why do we live this way? (v16)

### **Application:**

Why do you work? When do you most feel like not working?

Do you see your work as a gift from God or as drudgery? Why?

In your particular job, not generally speaking, share how you can "let your light shine"?

### **Challenge:**

Pray specifically for one other to shine in each of your particular jobs this week.