

# The Right Time

## Welcome

What is your favorite time of the year?

## Worship

Read Jeremiah 29:10-13

- *This was a letter from the Lord, via Jeremiah, to the exiled people of Jerusalem living in Babylon. The same promise is given to us today if we call upon Him and seek Him with all of our hearts.*

- PRAY: Go around and ask God to free you from anything that would stop you from growing closer to Him this year.

## Word

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1. What does Solomon essentially mean when he says, “there is a time for everything”?  
2. *In the service this past weekend, Pastor Bob Shank gave us “Ten Tips” on how to have an incredible year. As a group, can you name all ten? (feel free to cheat by using the sermon notes)*

***Make sure you have them down on paper. Break up in to smaller groups of 2 or 3.***

3. In your smaller groups, discuss the top 3 from the list that YOU would like to focus on for 2004. Why did you choose them for your top 3?

4. Personal Commitment: Write down the top 3 and next to each one put the “next step” you need to take to make it a reality. Share with the group your “next steps.”

5. Read Ecclesiastes 5:4-7.

6. Pray!

## Witness

- The 10<sup>th</sup> tip on Pastor Bob’s list was to “target 3 lost friends for heaven and 3 saved friends for church.”

- Do you know who those 6 people are? If so who are they?

- If not, as a group pray for God to reveal them to you?

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# Leader Notes

## Welcome

Have fun with this

## Worship

Read through the verses in Jeremiah. Go around and have each person ask God to free them from anything stopping them from all that God has for them. If they don't know what to pray for, have them ask God to reveal to them what they can do to grow closer to Him.

## Word

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1. Solomon was known for his wisdom. Essentially he is talking about making wise choices and doing the right thing when the time is right. How might this be applicable to a new year, and a new beginning?
2. The Ten Tips:
  1. Say thank you – in print – to someone once a week.
  2. Make a dream come true, for your spouse.
  3. Retire from credit card debt.
  4. Have a “best day” with each of your kids.
  5. Set you clock forward enough minutes to be on time, every time.
  6. Pray for everyone who asks. . . the moment they ask.
  7. Tithe off the top, on your gross.
  8. Read 12 non-fiction books this year, to feed your mind.
  9. Perform a resurrection: bring a relationship back from the dead
  10. Target 3 lost friends for heaven and 3 saved friends for church.

**Leader Challenges:** 1. Make sure you have your sermon notes from this sermon. 2. For each “tip” try and come up with at least one other verse that goes along with the tip so that when they pick their top 3 they can look up the verses from the sermon and from you study.

***Make sure you have them down on paper. Break up in to smaller groups of 2 or 3.***

3. Have them go around and name their top 3 and reason why they choose them.
4. This is the point of the sermon and the lesson. Life Groups are about making commitments in community. Ask them to take this serious and to be serious about having an incredible year.
5. Read Ecclesiastes 5:4-7.
6. Pray! Enough said.

## Witness

- This is a perfect time to update the Blessing List. The Blessing List is a list of people that the group is praying for God to bless them by knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior. And it's a reminder of who God has placed in our lives to share our faith with so we can be intentional about praying for and talking to about Jesus.