

Welcome to WoW2, Women of Worship, Women of Witness. This newsletter captures topics discussed during our February 8, 2022, meeting. This newsletter seeks to capture some, but not all, key points from our evening together, with like topics being conveniently grouped together. We hope you are blessed as you join us on our journey.

Declaration of Faith: We will gain emotional wellness and strength for the Promised Land by believing, receiving, and obeying the truth of God's Word when it comes to deliverance from bondage, deliverance through sanctification, and deliverance from bitterness and doubt.

OPENING

We opened with the song, "Fire, Fire, Fire." We then opened our meeting in prayer and began our discussion on Ecclesiastes Chapter 3.

DISCUSSION

Most of our discussion on the first 8 verses is included in the attachment, "T-Time: A time To ... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CSB)". For those not acquainted with T-Time, it's something we do in small group to help us better understand Scripture. The full T is also included as a stand-alone document on the website under "Documents," "Individual T-Times" (<https://wow2women.com/individual-t-times>)

Additional discussion on verses 1-8

In v7, we discussed how sometimes silence can be unnerving. While it can be a wonderful thing to sit in silence with someone, there are times we feel the need to fill the silence – the dead air; however, there are times we just need to let the dead air be. For example, it can be very rewarding to drive in silence, so we can hear from the Lord better and observe more things with less distraction. However, for me, there can be times when my mind

Upcoming Events

March 1

Night of Prayer

March 8

Vision Check

April 5

Off – Spring Break Week

Current Vision

Revive! Restore. Refresh.
Renew – Emotional wellness in the wilderness and strength for the Promised Land.

Scripture(s)

Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 43:19

Additional Verses: Romans 8:15, Romans 6:4, 2 Timothy 2:15, Ephesians 4:23, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 12:14-15, James 1:5-6, and John 6:29

Inspirational Song(s)

"On Our Way" by MercyMe
feat. Sam Wesley

"Revive" by WorshipMob

Current Study:

Ecclesiastes

and the random thoughts that pop in can be very distracting. Yet, it's in those silent times that we can take the opportunity to examine our thoughts!

In v10, we noted how this verse is talking about “children of Adam,” and we were also intrigued by “keep them occupied.” Before our belief in Christ and becoming a “child of God,” we were all “children of Adam,” (1 John 5:1). And in Ecclesiastes, Solomon talks about the fool a lot, so we thought maybe God was keeping them busy to keep the foolishness down.

Verse 11 speaks to the sovereignty of God, because He determines the timing of things. The Amplified translation clarifies that in planting eternity in our heart, it's for “[a sense of divine purpose].” So, we thought this whole verse was so GOOD! God has planted eternity in our heart, but our mind can't comprehend it. Human logic and reasoning can't understand it, and what little understanding we do have comes from God's Holy Spirit!

In v14, we noted how God truly does work so that we will be in awe of Him! Even now, we see Him at work. Not only is He the first and the last, but He was, is, and will be yesterday, today, and forever.

In v15, the Amplified includes how history repeats itself, which speaks to us the importance of learning how to recognize the patterns in life!

Next meeting, we'll review where we left off and pick up with verse 16 to finish chapter 3, before heading to chapter 4.

Some highlights from our takeaways

Being in awe of God can blow our mind, even in the simple and small things.

It's important to be grateful. For one, it creates a different mindset within us about things happening “under the sun.”

Even though the things happening “under the sun” are “futile,” they must be done, so we can look at those things as giving and serving. And, even if what we do isn't recognized by man, God sees and knows our motive, which is why the motive of our heart matters!



Homework

Ecclesiastes 3:16 – chapter 4

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 7:00pm for our first 2022 Social.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about information contained in this document, please email us at wow2@wow2women.com or complete a Contact Form on our website.

RESOURCES

Links to the Song(s) from this meeting:

"FIRE FIRE- Greatman Takit, TY Bello, Folabi Nuel, 121 Selah,"
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0FHAOVpgGc>).

"3 Hour Peaceful & Relaxation Music | Christian Meditation Music | Holy Spirit | Time Alone With God" – DappyT Keys Piano Worship (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oBpV1t_qcc)

CLOSING

We collected our **prayer requests** for the evening and then closed in prayer.



ATTACHMENT: T-Time: A Time To ... Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (CSB)

Welcome to T-Time with Women of Worship, Women of Witness. T-Time is something we do in our bible study small group. It's a time where we contrast, compare, and/or present information side-by-side so we can more clearly see what Scripture is saying. This T was completed in our February 8, 2022, meeting to reflect the contrasts Solomon lays out regarding the activities that occur "under heaven."

There is an occasion for everything, and a time for every activity under heaven;

A time to give birth	A time to die
A time to plant	A time to uproot
A time to kill	A time to heal
A time to tear down	A time to build
A time to weep	A time to laugh
A time to mourn	A time to dance
A time to throw stones	A time to gather stones
A time to embrace	A time to avoid embracing
A time to search	A time to count as lost
A time to keep	A time to throw away
A time to tear	A time to sew
A time to be silent	A time to speak
A time to love	A time to hate
A time for war	A time for peace

Key Points to this T-Time: Unexpected Contrasts

- In **V3**, I was not expecting to see “**heal**” as the contrast to “**kill**.” However, when we looked up the opposite of “kill,” what stood out is all the words were related to life. So, we concluded sickness is a death to our health, so healing is resurrecting our health to life.
- The **contrast in V4** reminded us of Psalm 30:11, “You have turned my **mourning** into **dancing** ...” (NKJV) (emphasis added).
- In **v5**, **throw stones** and **gather stones** reminded us that there is a time to release something and a time to collect it. For example, in the Wilderness, God fed them manna, which they had to go out and collect each day. But, if they tried to collect more than what was needed or hoard it, the manna rotted and they had to throw it away. We also saw this same principle with **embracing** (you’re gathering someone to you) and **avoid embracing** (you’re pushing them away or releasing them).
- In **v6**, we saw the principle of knowing when to hold on and when to let go in this entire verse.
- In **v7**, the contrast of “**tear**” and “**sew**” reminded us of when the Israelites would tear their clothes (Gen 37:29 and 2 Sam 3:31 are two examples). In addition, the contrast between “**silent**” and “**speak**” reminded us of a devotion we did during the Hebrew month of Elul (Sep/Aug on our calendar). One of the characteristics discussed was “Silence/Shtikah.” A phrase that stood out is, “We have the right to remain silent and, sometimes, we have a moral duty to speak”ⁱ

ⁱ CORE Groups Highly Holy Day Experience, Elul: 29 Days of Reflection, Texts and Questions to Facilitate an Accounting of the Soul, *Core Groups: A Program of Adult Engagement at Central Synagogue*, p27. (Retrieved from https://www.centralsynagogue.org/assets/downloads/Elul_29_Days_of_Reflection.pdf).