

## Growth Group Leader's Guide

For the Week of April 25-May 1, 2010  
"What Time Is It?"

### Announcements:

- Continue to work on the Growth Group Covenant. Next week will be the time to finalize the covenant.
- Announce the All Church Prayer and Praise Night - Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. Encourage your entire group to come to this important night of prayer for our church family. Emphasis will be on asking God to supernaturally provide people with jobs, financial resources, and physical healing.
- Please email your attendance and a brief summary of your meeting each week to [pastorlarry@ccsalem.org](mailto:pastorlarry@ccsalem.org).

### Homework:

Before your Growth Group meets, take about 20 minutes on your own to complete the following..

Review Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. What time of life are you in presently? How does Psalm 31:15 give meaning to whatever time of life you are currently in?

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### Growth Group Discussion Questions:

The following questions are to be discussed when your Growth Group meets this week.

**My Story:** Ecclesiastes 3:4 says that there is a "time to weep and a time to laugh." Tell the group about a season in your life when you experienced a great deal of sadness and a time in your life when you experienced a great deal of happiness.

**Digging Deeper:** Read Psalm 90. What does this Psalm have to say about...

- Time/eternity? (*God is everlasting to everlasting and we live about 70-80 years on average*).

- Length of life/experiences of life? (*Life is short, troublesome, sorrowful, etc.*)
- The help God gives us to live life? (*He is our dwelling place; He has compassion on His servants; His love is unending; He shows favor to His people*)
- What is truly satisfying in life? (*God's unending love*)

What does it mean in verse 12 when it says, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom"?

*(We should reflect on our days - how uncertain and brief life is - and ask God to give us the wisdom to live our days rightly and purposefully)*

### **Living It:**

1. Looking back over your life, was there a difficult time that God eventually made "beautiful" in His time? If so, what did you learn about God? About yourself? About life?
2. Pastor Larry talked about viewing all of the seasons of your life as a gift from God. Do you find that difficult to do? Why or why not?
3. What season of life are you going through right now? Are there any indications of God at work in this season?

*(You might want to have your group members pair up and pray for each other. This may allow those who are a little hesitant to share with the whole group a better opportunity to open up about what season they are going through)*