

FOOL'S GOLD

FINDING TREASURE THAT LASTS

Discussion Guide

“Chasing Eternity”

Pastor Jelani Lewis

Starter If your life were a season right now, would it be spring (new beginnings), summer (growth and activity), fall (change and transition), or winter (rest and waiting)? Why would you choose that season, and what might God be teaching you through it?

Sermon Summary

Life is full of changing seasons, unanswered questions, and moments when we wonder what God is doing, but even when we cannot see it, He's working. From the sermon we discover how to live with wisdom, trust God's work in every season, and pursue what matters for eternity by building a relationship with Him.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God's teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it's something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God's character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Ecclesiastes 3:1–11](#)

[1 Chronicles 12:32](#)

[Psalms 90:12](#)

[Psalms 34:1](#)

[Genesis 50:20](#)

[Romans 8:28–29](#)

[Psalms 105:17–19](#)

[Acts 17:22–28](#)

[John 17:3](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There's no need to discuss every question.

1. What season of life are you currently experiencing, and how is it shaping your perspective on God and your faith?
2. In Psalm 90:12, Moses asks God to “teach us to number our days so we may gain a heart of wisdom.” How does recognizing that our time is limited influence the way we invest in our relationships and daily lives?
3. Pastor Jelani Lewis emphasizes praising God in every season, even when life is difficult. What makes worship challenging during hard seasons, and what helps you remain focused on God?

4. Pastor Jelani challenges us to evaluate our circumstances from the perspective of eternal good rather than momentary comfort. What is the difference between pursuing an easier life and allowing God to shape you to become more like Jesus?
5. Ecclesiastes 3:11 describes God placing eternity in the human heart. What are some things people pursue to find fulfillment, and why do you think those things cannot fully satisfy the longing for a relationship with God?

Go Deeper

1. Study [Genesis 12:1–9](#) & [Hebrews 11:8–10](#) (Abraham trusts God’s promise). Where might God be asking you to trust Him without knowing how everything will turn out?
2. Study [Genesis 45:1–15](#) (Joseph forgives his brothers). How might trusting God’s greater purposes change the way you respond to someone who has hurt you?
3. Study [Philippians 4:10–13](#) (Paul learns contentment). What would it look like for you to find contentment in Christ rather than waiting for your circumstances to change?
4. Study [Luke 10:38–42](#) (Mary chooses what matters most). What distractions or competing priorities might be keeping you from investing in your relationship with Jesus?

Apply

1. Evaluate your weekly schedule and identify one way to invest more intentionally in your relationship with God or the people He has placed in your life.
2. Establish a simple rhythm of gratitude, prayer, or worship, especially when you are facing uncertainty or disappointment.
3. When you face a difficult circumstance, write down what God may be teaching you about trust, patience, perseverance, or Christlike character without assuming you know His exact purpose.
4. Identify something you have been chasing for fulfillment—recognition, success, possessions, or approval—and consider how you can redirect some of that energy toward knowing Jesus and serving others.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to help you recognize the season you are in and respond with wisdom, discernment, and faithfulness.
2. Pray for the faith to trust that God’s at work even when circumstances are painful, confusing, or difficult to understand.
3. Ask God to help you worship Him consistently, not because every circumstance is good but because He remains worthy in every season.
4. Pray that God would redirect your desires away from temporary sources of fulfillment and deepen your relationship with Jesus, so your life reflects His character and purposes.

Leadership Tip

Create a safe space for honest conversations about difficult seasons. Listen with compassion, avoid easy answers, and remind the group that trusting God doesn’t mean pretending life is easy. Emphasize that enjoying good things isn’t wrong, but they can’t replace the fulfillment found only in God. Encourage everyone to identify one way to trust Him more this week, and close by praying together.