

# MESSAGE NOTES | JULY 4



## finding meaning

### It's Time

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Ecclesiastes 3-4, p.462

We want to know the answer to the question, "What is the meaning of life?" We fear there is no answer. God wants us to know the answer as well and He has chosen the path of frustration ([Romans 8:20](#)) to help us in our discovery.

1. Our frustration with life motivates us to [search for answers](#) ([Ecclesiastes 3:1-11](#)).
2. Our frustration with life tells us there must be more to life [than this life](#) ([Ecclesiastes 3:11-13](#)).
3. Our frustration with life is intended to teach us [to trust God](#) ([Ecclesiastes 3:14](#)).

THE **ONE THING:** [We are immersed in eternity. Asked to trust. Blessed to enjoy.](#)

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize [Ecclesiastes 3:11](#).
- Go to [The Bible Project](#) to view the video on Ecclesiastes.
- Believer's Baptism—August 29 (notify church office if you are interested).
- Sign up for the [Feed My Starving Children MobilePack!](#)

## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

*Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?*

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
2. Read [2 CHRONICLES 7:11-22](#) together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?  
*(Share a specific: "I will...")*
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?  
*(Name a specific person you plan to **share with.**)*

*If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with [marcus@oakwoodnow.org](mailto:marcus@oakwoodnow.org)*