



## Small Group Discussion Guide

December 9, 2018

**Sermon Title:**

*"The Seasons of Our Life"*

**Sermon Text:** Luke 2:1

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 90:1-17

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

### Getting Started:

If someone were to ask you to identify your life by "seasons", how would you break it up?  
How would you describe the season you are currently in?

### Discussion:

1. If you are familiar with the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible, you will likely recognize Luke 2:1-20 as the most prominently read Christmas story. It begins with a familiar phrase, **"(And) it came to pass...."** (This phrase occurs 453 times in the KJV... 38 times in Luke's gospel.) What do you make of the heavy use of this phrase in scripture? How does it speak to you? Do you see any theological value in it?
2. For our particular application of this phrase today, here is the takeaway:  
**"The seasons of our life are not permanent; 'they come to pass'."**
3. The Pastor grouped our life into a couple of broad-sweeping categories. Given the two choices, how would you describe the Season of Life you are currently in?  
**\*The Season of Opportunities and Blessings**  
what a difference it would make in us if we awakened with the attitude: "What great thing is going to happen to me today? **(Reference: Proverbs 27:1)** Joseph met Mary on a given day. They fell in love & established a home in which to raise and love Jesus. What opportunity do you yet have time to act upon TODAY? Don't put it off!  
**\*The Season of Challenges and Trials**  
This season is marked by the question, "How am I going to get through this?"  
It is also marked by our trying our hardest, but not seeming to get anywhere.  
Does either of these statements resonate with you? **(Reference: 2 Corinthians 12:9)**  
**\*We must realize each is Temporary!** (They do not come to stay- **they come to pass!**)  
Even as Christmas will come and go, so, too, will the seasons of our life.  
In reference to the text, how should we then live? **(Reference: Psalm 90:12)**

**Closing:** *Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.*

**GO SHARE JESUS!**