



# Business Leadership Group Discussion & Application Guide

Dr. Richard Blackaby, Experiencing God through Seasons of Life -Session 1 of 4

Richard Blackaby wrote an entire book focused on the significance of seasons in life, here sharing some powerful life stories that illustrate some great applications for Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. Take time before your discussion to thoughtfully read these verses out loud. Have you ever *felt like* you may have done the right thing; but because of *bad timing*, the outcome was very adversely affected? [share with your group]

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Richard shared how he often prays “Lord, please help me to press on...Don’t let me stop just weeks before the harvest comes. Can you share a time when you threw in the towel [or were tempted to] just before your perseverance was rewarded?

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Select the item above that would make the most impact or warrants immediate attention in your personal or business life and answer the following questions:

1. Should I apply this concept or practice to my business or personal life?
2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]

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3. Will I share with others the outcomes following implementation?



Development Objectives:  
Life, Leadership, Excellence, Kingdom



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Richard shared how his concept of seasons of life shifted from a perspective of birth in Spring, death in Winter, with a continuous progression. He later came to realize that there are many progressions of life's seasons over one's lifetime. Life is rarely a predictable linear progression. Why do you think this is an important observation?

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Richard reflected on his progression from a humbled [humiliated] high school freshman to later serving as class president. He went on to point out that seasons appeared in Genesis as part of creation's natural order. Can you identify a season where the Lord humbled you for a season to prepare you for a position of future leadership?

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2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]
3. How will I measure or evaluate the impact of these changes in my business or personal life?
4. When will I implement? \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heavens: **Ecc 3:1 NKJV**



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Have you ever felt like your faithfulness at church was the limit of your testimony? Share your thoughts on this:

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Richard’s story of Francis is a great reminder that the power of the Gospel is the Gospel, not the messenger. On balance, we can inhibit the Gospel by wanton living. Does Francis’ story challenge you? Share your thoughts.

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- 4. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]
- 3. How will I measure or evaluate the impact of these changes in my business or personal life?
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Richard reflects very positively on [his son] Daniel’s sometimes challenging journey to adulthood. Share your thoughts on Daniel’s story:

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Richard shared some challenging thoughts on how our leadership can go through seasons of autumn and winter, sometimes ushering in transitions to other roles or even careers. Can you personally relate or share how you might use this truth to share with someone in transition?

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- 5. Should I apply this concept or practice to my business or personal life?
- 6. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]
- 3. How will I measure or evaluate the impact of these changes in my business or personal life?
- 4. When will I implement? \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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