



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 9 What Time Is It?

Suggested Week of Use: August 1, 2021

Core Passage: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

News Story Summary

In the weeks prior of July 30, several major league baseball players were rumored to be available for trades. Some teams were looking for an additional player to help them win this season and others were looking for players that could help them in the years ahead. For some players, this will be a time to stay put and for others, a time to be on the move. At the time of writing, some of the names rumored to be potentially changing teams are Nelson Cruz of the Twins, Joey Gallo and Kyle Gibson of the Rangers, Kris Bryant of the Cubs, and Adam Frazier of the Pirates, just to name a few.

For more about this story, search “MLB trade deadline rumors”.

Focus Attention

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, list the names of some of the players that were rumored to be potentially traded prior to the major League Trading deadline on July 30. As the group arrives, call attention to the names of players listed and invite volunteers to note the ones who were traded and those who were not (search the internet on July 31st to identify who was traded). Allow the baseball fans in your class or group to share their reactions to any of the trades or decisions for teams to retain a player. Point out that for some it was time to move and for others it was time to stay. Explain that today’s lesson looks at time and seasons in a person’s life. Challenge the group to look for ways during today’s study of maximizing whatever time they have regardless of the season.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Evaluate activity under the Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of potentially traded baseball players. Lead the group to discuss what activities the players may have put off or avoided until they deadline passed. Complete the step by leading the group to respond to the first question set under Apply the Text (*List activities and actions you have been putting off or avoiding. How can you embrace the items listed, looking for God’s work in each?*).