

Ecclesiastes — Worksheet 1: Answer Key

A Time for Everything — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. What is the Preacher's (the writer's) overall assessment of life 'under the sun' in chapter 1 (Ecclesiastes 1:2-9, summarise)?

That much of life seems repetitive and fleeting ('vanity') when viewed only from an earthly perspective.

2. List at least four of the paired opposites given in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (e.g. 'a time to...').

Any four pairs, e.g. a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to keep silence and a time to speak.

3. What does Ecclesiastes 3:1 say governs all these different times and seasons?

That there is a season, and a time, for every purpose under heaven — implying a larger order even within life's changes.

4. Reflection: What season of life do you feel you're in right now, based on Ecclesiastes 3's list?

Open, personal reflection.